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Austrian Warships Shell Belgrade

ANNEXATION SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT LOWELL

Reply to Ald. Carmichael's Speech Against Annexing Part of Dracut—City's Path to Progress

Is the annexation of the Dracut Navy Yard and the district along the river as far as the Methuen line feasible at present, and so is it advisable and for the best interests of Lowell?

At a recent meeting of the municipal council, Commissioner Carmichael sprang something in the nature of a surprise when he came out in quite a vigorous speech in opposition to the movement for the annexation of the district in question.

We have no doubt that the commissioner is entirely sincere in his statements, but we cannot agree with him when he condemns the movement as one that threatens the city with increased burdens, unnecessary responsibilities and particularly with a high or tax rate.

We have at the present time the highest tax rate in our history and while we do not agree with Commissioner Carmichael that the annexation of Dracut would bring about an increase in the tax rate, we submit that worse even than a higher tax rate would be the business stagnation resulting from any such unprogressive and anti-expansive policy as that which the commissioner lays down as an economic remedy.

Opposing Municipal Progress

It is to be regretted that any of our commissioners should oppose a step so clearly in the line of municipal progress. Unconsciously, no doubt, the alderman lines up with the element that is always ready to fight for the status quo and to conjure up the

'PICTURE BRIDES'

BOGUS HALF DOLLARS

TWO BRAND NEW ONES PASSED IN LOCAL STORE THIS MORNING—POLICE NOTIFIED

There's a counterfeit half-dollar in circulation and it is believed that quite a number of them have been passed in Lowell. A woman who keeps a provision store in Fayette street, Mrs. Miles, called The Sun by telephone and said "that two new counterfeit half-dollars had been passed in her store this morning. They are brand new," said Mrs. Miles, "but one can tell they are not genuine, if they look at them closely, but in the hurry of making change, they would pass all right. After finding out that they were counterfeit, I called The Sun in order that the public might know about it. I have also notified the police."

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FORMIDABLE WAS SUNK OFF PORTSMOUTH, SAYS PARIS

Another Defeat Inflicted on Austrians in Galicia—Paris Reports That British Warship Formidable Was Sunk by German Submarine

The Russian war office announces that another defeat has been inflicted on the Austrians in Galicia, whose advance from the Carpathians recently was checked with serious consequences to them. It is asserted that fortified Austrian positions near Gorlice were destroyed and that 1,000 prisoners were captured. The Russian statement says however, that the "victory" was won after a hard battle and that the fighting still continues, indicating that

the Austrians are still capable of offering determined resistance.

In Poland, the German attack apparently has shifted to the southward. The Russian statement mentions fighting of particular intensity at Rawa, which is 30 miles south of Sochaczew, the recent center of German activity. British battleship Formidable was destroyed there, as well as in East Prussia and in the region of Mlawa in Poland near the East Prussian border, are said to have been repulsed.

Austrian warships have bombarded Belgrade, the Serbian capital, from which the Austrians were driven shortly after they had occupied it. Some damage to property was caused by the bombardment but so far as is known no lives were lost.

According to a Paris' report, the

British battleship Formidable was sunk off Portsmouth, England's chief naval base. The destruction of the Formidable is believed to have been

the work of a German submarine.

RUSSIANS REPULSED ALL THE GERMAN ATTACKS

Says Official Report From Petrograd—Progress at Many Points and Many Prisoners Taken

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—An official communication given out by the general staff tonight recounts the situation in the various fields of action along the Russian front.

It says:

"In East Prussia and in the region of Mlawa, northern Russian Poland, we have defeated attempts by the Germans to deliver a partial offensive."

"On the Vistula opposite Wyszegrod our armed steamers cannonaded the infantry of the enemy with success."

"Between the Vistula and the lower

Pilica the Germans have begun a series of attacks, supported by the fire of their heavy artillery."

"Our troops in an action on the left bank of the Bzura river near Vitkowice repulsed two slight attacks."

"On the Rawa river we repulsed an attack directed against

Dorsten command two."

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INACTIVITY OF GERMANS NEAR WARSAW WHILE THEY FOR-

TIFY TERRITORY

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The inactivity of the Germans in the neighborhood of Warsaw for some days past is explained, according to reports reaching here by the claim that they have employed this time in fortifying the territory already taken up to the Bzura river and along the left bank of the lower and middle Vistula.

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MRS. RAY'S LOW COST MENUS

Housekeepers are Advised to Cut These Menus Out for Use During the Coming Week

SUNDAY

Breakfast—Grapefruit—Broiled Mackerel—Baked Potatoes—Popovers—Coffee.

Dinner—Bean Soup—Broiled Squash—Potato Pyramids—Brussels Sprouts—Endive Salad—Lemon and Grape Frappe.

Dinner—Scalloped Oysters—Rye Bread—Sandwiches—Cookies—Pear Filling—Chocolate.

BROILED MACKEREL—Soak over night and wipe dry. Broil over a quick fire, place on a hot platter and pour over a sauce made by melting a tablespoon of butter, stirring in the same of flour and a cup of milk. Roll until thick, stirring all the time and add pepper and salt.

BEAN SOUP—Soak for three hours two cups of beans. Drain, add two quarts of water and boil soft. Mash through a coarse sieve, return to the fire, add a teaspoon of chopped parsley and serve without straining.

BROILED SQUASH—Soil down the back, rub with olive oil and roll over a slow fire. Serve with melted butter which has been added a little chopped parsley.

POTATO PYRAMID—Shape mashed potatoes in cone shape. Rub over with butter and then with beaten egg, and brown in the oven.

LEMON AND GRAPE FRAPPE—Boil two cups of water and the same of sugar ten minutes. Cool, add half a cup of lemon juice and a quart of grape juice. Freeze and serve in tall glasses.

SCALLOPED OYSTERS—Place a layer of cracker crumbs in a baking dish, then a layer of oysters, butter, salt and pepper. Continue until the dish is full and then pour over milk enough to soak the crumbs. Bake brown in a moderate oven.

NEW YEAR'S

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MONDAY

Breakfast—Sliced Oranges—Vegetable Hash—Toast—Currant Jelly—Coffee.

Lunch—Beef Stew—Rice Griddle Cakes—Pudding.

Dinner—Oatmeal, Soup—Re-heated Roast Beef—Brown Potatoes—Neapolitan Spaghetti—Lettuce—Salad—Dressing—Creamed Puffs—Nut Filling.

VEGETABLE HASH—Chop cold vegetables of any kind and add a small quantity of meat. Place a piece of butter in a frying pan, and when hot, add the vegetables. Fry until brown.

LUNCH—**BEEF STEW**—Use bones of the roast, cover with cold water and simmer until tender. Strain and to the stock add a cup of raw potatoes that have been cut in small pieces, a parsnip and sliced carrot, half a chopped onion and a tablespoon of rice. Boil until the vegetables are tender, then thicken with a little dissolved flour and boil five minutes longer.

OATMEAL SOUP—Boil half an hour five cups of water and half a cup of rolled oats. Strain, return to the fire and add a cup of milk, a piece of butter, pepper and salt.

NEAPOLITAN SPAGHETTI—Boil in salted water until a package of spaghetti which has broken in half. This should both hard for 30 minutes. Drain, add two cups of tomatoes that have been thickened with a little dissolved flour and then add a quarter of a cup of cheese broasted in small pieces. Boil until the cheese is melted.

LETUCE SALAD, ITALIAN DRESSING—Serve the crisp leaves of the lettuce with the following dressing: Mix three tablespoons of olive oil with two of vinegar, a quarter of a teaspoon of dry mustard, the same of minced onion and a tablespoon of chili sauce.

CREAMED PUFFS WITH NUT FILLING—Fill cream puff shells with whipped cream to which has been added a few chopped nuts.

TUESDAY

Breakfast—Stewed Prunes—Simmered Sausages—Creamed Potatoes—Toast—Coffee.

Lunch—Fruit Salad—Rye Muffins—Re-heated Cottage Pudding—Cocoa.

Dinner—Tomato Bisque—Cold Sliced Beef—Oven-Brown Potatoes—String Beans—Lettuce—Salad—Peach Cottage Pudding.

LUNCH—**SIMMERED SAUSAGES**—Prick each sausage four or five times to let out some of the fat. Place in a frying pan and pour in enough water to cover the bottom of the pan. Simmer until the sausages are tender, add a little thickening and serve with it poured over the sausages.

FRUIT SALAD—Peel and cut in thin slices, two oranges, two bananas, add a cup of shredded pineapple and half a cup of mandarin orange cut in small pieces. Sweeten a little and serve on lettuce with a boiled dressing.

RYE MUFFINS—Mix a cup each of rye and white flour, add the yolk of one egg, the white was used yesterday, two teaspoons of baking powder, a tablespoon of butter, and a quarter of a cup of molasses, baked in a hot oven.

Dinner—**TOMATO BISQUE**—Boil two cups of tomatoes, half an onion ten minutes, add a tablespoon of dissolved flour, cook two minutes longer and strain. Return to the fire, add two cups of milk, a quarter of a teaspoon of soda and let boil.

PEACH COTTAGE PUDDING—Mix two cups of flour, one cup of milk, half a cup of sugar, three tablespoons of butter, a teaspoon and a half of baking powder and two cups of peaches cut in small pieces. (These may be canned dried peaches.) Bake and serve with cream sauce by boiling a cup of peach juice and half a cup of sugar, 15 minutes.

WEDNESDAY—**Breakfast**—Bananas—Toast—Cocoa—Doughnuts—Coffee.

Lunch—Tomato Pudding—Toast—Pickles—Prune Sauce—Cocoa.

Dinner—Cream of Pea Soup—Boiled Tongue, Sauce—Baked French Potatoes—Creamed Cabbage—Pineapple Salad—Mince Pie.

LUNCH—**COCOA DOUGHNUTS**—Mix one egg with half a cup of sugar, the same of milk, two cups of flour, a quarter of a cup of cocoa, two teaspoons of baking powder, and a quarter of a teaspoon each of salt, nut, cinnamon. Roll out a third of an inch thick. Cut and fry in deep boiling fat.

Dinner—**TOMATO PUDDING**—Mix a cup of dry bread crumbs with four cups of tomatoes. Turn into a baking dish, place slices of bacon on top and bake in a hot oven until the bacon is brown.

BOILED TONGUE, COLD SAUCE—Cover a small tongue with boiling water and cook until tender. Remove the skin and serve with the following sauce: Fry two tablespoons of chopped onion in a tablespoon of butter until brown, then add a tablespoon of flour, stir until blended, and stir in a cup of stock or water. Boil ten minutes.

BAKED FRENCH POTATOES—Parboil and cut raw potatoes as you would for French fried, turn into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with pepper, salt and bake until brown.

CREAMED CABBAGE—Boil enough cabbage to make two cups. Boil in salted water and when nearly done cover with milk to which has been added a tablespoon of flour, a piece of butter, pepper and salt.

THURSDAY—**Breakfast**—Apple Sauce, Raisins—Liver—Bacon—Fried Potatoes—Wheat Bran Ceme—Coffee.

Lunch—Cold Tongue—Toast—Baked Rice—Cocoa.

Dinner—Lamb Soup with Peas—Pork chops—Lamb—Apple Sauce—Baked Potatoes—Corn—Jellied Potato Salad—Pineapple Jelly.

LUNCH—**WHEAT BRAN GEMS**—Mix two cups of wheat bran, one cup of flour, a cup of molasses, three tablespoons each of boiling milk and water, and a teaspoon of soda. Bake in gem pans twenty-five minutes.

Dinner—**BOILED RICE**—Boil seven cups of water and add slowly half a cup of rice. Boil twenty minutes and turn off the heat. Save the water that may be used as the foundation for soups. Set in a warm place ten minutes.

Dinner—**JELLIED POTATO SALAD**—Finely mince potatoes that have been cut in small pieces. Add a tablespoon of vinegar and two sweet peppers that have been cut in small pieces. Pour over all a sour lemon jelly and when cold turn out on lettuce and serve with a boiled dressing.

CREAMED DRESSING—Mix a teaspoon of salt and mustard and a tablespoon of sugar and olive oil. Add slowly the beaten yolks of three eggs. Add the beaten yolks of three eggs, half a cup of olive oil, and one cup of cream. Add a cup of Tomato vinegar. Roll until white, and then add the stiffly beaten whites. This will make a pint and will keep a long time if kept in a cold place.

FRIDAY—**Breakfast**—Oranges—Creamed Cod—Toast—Coffee.

Lunch—Salmon—Salad—Toasted Crackers—Apple Sauce—Cocoa.

Dinner—Tapioca—Soup—Fried Oysters—Potatoes—Creamed Peas—Cabbage—Salad—Mincemeat.

LUNCH—**CREAMED CODFISH**—Soak half an hour two cups of fish, drain, add two cups of milk and one minute, add a tablespoon of dissolved flour and the same of butter. Roll one minute longer and serve.

Dinner—**SALMON SALAD**—Drain a can of salmon and a fish from bones. Add one chopped hard boiled egg and half a cup of boiled dressing. Serve on crisp leaves of lettuce.

LUNCH—**TAPIOCA SOUP**—Cover a third of a cup of tapioca with cold water and boil ten minutes. Add a quart of water and boil until the tapioca is transparent then add a cup of milk and boil ten minutes longer.

Dinner—**FRYED OYSTERS**—Dip in beaten eggs and then in cracker crumbs. Fry brown in deep boiling fat and drain on paper.

CABBAGE SALAD—Chop the cabbage fine, add a tablespoon of sugar, a teaspoon of mustard and cover with a boiled dressing.

IRISH MOSS BLANC MANGE—Boil four cups of milk with one-third of a cup of moss and a half a cup of sugar, 20 minutes. Strain, add a teaspoon of vinegar and turn into a mold. Serve with whipped cream.

SATURDAY—**Breakfast**—Apples—Honey and Cream—Hot Biscuit—Coffee.

Lunch—Creamed Tongue—Spiced Cup Cakes—Toast—Cocoa.

Dinner—Kidney Bean Soup—Chicken Pie—Baked Beets—Olive Salad—Aprilicot Jelly.

SATURDAY—**HOT BISCUIT**—Mix four cups of



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SPICED CUP CAKES—Mix one cup of sugar with a scant half a cup of flour, a quarter cup of shortening, a fourth of a cup of ice water and half a teaspoon of baking powder. Brush over with melted butter and bake in a moderate oven.

KIDNEY BEEF SOUP—Simmer two cups of kidney beans in a hot oven. Plunge in cold water to remove the skins and serve at once.

AFRICAN JELLY—Dissolve half a package of powdered gelatine in the cold water. Add two cups of stewed fruit that have been cut in small pieces and enough liquid to make half a cup. Turn into a mould to cool.

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FIRE AT COUNTRY CLUB

The Vesper Country club in Tyngsboro was threatened by fire yesterday and only the prompt response of the members of Hose 8 and Fire Chief Saunders prevented a serious loss. However, a large portion of the roof was burned off and some damage was done to the inside of the club house. It is believed that the fire originated from a spark from a chimney. It was discovered a few minutes before noon by an employee of the club and a telephone alarm was sent to the Central fire station. While the Lowell fire company was making the long run to the Country club the blaze made a good headway and a space about eight feet square was burned from the roof and for a time it was feared that the main building was doomed. Upon the arrival of the hose company several of the men climbed to the roof and after a short battle succeeded in getting the blaze under control. The building and contents were insured.

TOLL OF DEATH

Fourteen More Deaths in Lowell in 1914 Than in 1913

The total number of deaths in Lowell in 1914 was 1763 as against 1749 in 1913 and in the number of deaths from contagious diseases the reaper cut a pretty even swath with the exception of smallpox. There were 41 cases of smallpox in 1913 and not a single case in 1914. The total number of deaths of infants under one year was 427 as against 422 in 1913.

The following table gives the number of cases of contagious diseases and the

NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:		
	1914	1913
Smallpox	41	6
Diphtheria	147	24
Scarlet fever	73	11
Typhoid fever	85	11
Measles	521	2
Cere. spin. meningitis	15	10
Infantile paralysis	1	3
Tuberculosis	103	126
Smallpox	41	6
Diphtheria	251	25
Scarlet fever	187	3
Typhoid fever	65	11
Measles	614	7
Cere. spin. meningitis	13	10
Infantile paralysis	1	3
Tuberculosis	136	123

It is interesting to note how closely the number of cases and number of deaths in the two years, the number of deaths in three or four instances being exactly the same.

If you want help at home or in your business try The Sun "Want" column.

We take this opportunity to thank you for the friendly spirit you have shown us in the past and to wish you A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ADAMS HARDWARE
and Paint Co. Middlesex St.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—New Year's greetings to President Wilson from the rulers of other nations and from many Americans poured into the White House today.

King Albert of Belgium sent the following message from his general army headquarters:

"On the occasion of New Year, I send you my most sincere congratulations and the wishes I form for the welfare of the great American nation whose generosity to Belgium is of so much help in this time of distress and sorrow."

King George of Great Britain sent the following: "It affords me sincere pleasure to convey to you on the commencement of the New Year my hearty good wishes for your personal happiness and for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America, to which we are united by such close ties

of friendship and intimacy." The following message was received from King Gustaf of Sweden: "I beg you to receive, by best wishes for a happy New Year."

King Haakon of Norway cabled as follows:

"On the occasion of New Year's day I express my most sincere good wishes for you and the American people."

Count Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, sent the following:

"Please accept my most sincere and respectful wishes for a very happy New Year for yourself, your family and country."

WANTED TO BE LOCKED UP

Despondent because he could not secure work and suffering from exposure, James Carr, formerly a printer in New York City, walked into the local police station today and asked to be locked up. He was questioned by Sgt. Welch and then taken into the court room where a vagrancy charge was preferred against him. The unfortunate pleaded guilty and was committed to the Lowell jail for one month.

Buy Your Fuel by Measure
---Not by Weight

Coal varies greatly in weight—depending on whether it is wet or dry. So does coke. When you buy coal or coke loose, by weight, how do you know how much real burnable fuel you are getting?

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ANY COAL DEALER OR LOWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY

READ WHAT ANOTHER LOWELL BUSINESS MAN SAYS:

Lowell Gas Light Co., Lowell, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Anyone who wants a fine fuel and to save money too, certainly ought to try Lowell Coke. For \$5.00 I got the same heat which would cost over \$7.00 for coal. I don't have any trouble with burning, the grate-fire is easy to build, hot and steady, with little ashes, clinkers, etc.

Yours truly,
(Signed) JAS. E. MOODY,
Manager Turner Center Creamery.



Look for the famous yellow teams delivering Lowell Coke

DOWN GO THE PRICES

In This Great Two Days' Sale Saturday and Monday

WOMEN'S SUITS

Women's \$16 and \$18 Suits, marked to \$10.00
Women's \$22.50 and \$27 Suits, marked to \$15.75



DRESSES

50 Serge Dresses sold for \$8 and \$9. Sale price \$5.00
75 Serge and Serge and Satin Dresses sold to \$15.00, for \$7.98

Just received a shipment of ANGORA CAPS and SCARFS to match, at, each 50c

WOMEN'S COATS

\$8.00 and \$10.00 Winter Coats for \$5.00
\$12.00 and \$15.00 Winter Coats for \$8.95

\$16.00 to \$20.00 Winter Coats for \$10.95



CHILDREN'S COATS AT NEARLY HALF PRICE

FURS FURS FURS

Fur Muffs at \$2.98, \$4.98, \$7.50 up to \$75.00
Fur Scarfs at \$1.98, \$3.98, \$5.00 up to \$60.00

CHERRY & WEBB
New York Store
12-18 JOHN STREET

Daniel Curtis, John Morgan, George Crowe, Edmund, John and Fred Marlowe.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McDermott. O. M. I. Undertakers, M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

FITZGERALD—The funeral of the late John J. Fitzgerald, a former resident of Lowell, who died Dec. 26th in Bluefield, West Virginia, took place yesterday at 4:30 o'clock from the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons. About 150 persons largely attended. The cortage proceeded to the cemetery where, at 9:15 o'clock, a mass of requiem was sung by Rev. John Degan. The bearers were Francis Hart, William Hart, Arthur Hart, Edward Hannafin, Robert Brown, and Timothy Fitzgerald.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—F. Walker, chief of the Bureau of Economic Survey, was elected to the legislature to veto the immigration bill if it comes to him containing the literacy test which the senate yesterday refused to strike out.

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Further details of the fighting between Carranza and Villa troops

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The following message was received:

"General Pablo Gonzales yesterday administered a decisive defeat to the Villistas at Rodriguez a few hours

ago from San Luis Potosi. Several hundred were killed and wounded. He now is pursuing the enemy toward San Luis Potosi.

"General Obregon reports that he has ill-treated the Zapatistas and Villistas from their strongest positions at Puebla and expects to announce the capture of this city almost immediately."

"Vera Cruz is almost depleted of soldiers although a week ago there were thousands in camp here. They are marching west from Apizaco on their way to Mexico City and hopes are high here that Carranza will re-establish his government in the national capital.

In a period of no more than six weeks and that at the close of three months he will be in entire control of the republic and peace will be permanently established.

"Reports of desertion at Tepic on the west coast are absolutely false."

VILLA FORCES DEFEATED

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 1.—Carranza headquarters at Vera Cruz reported to the Mexican consul here today that General Gonzales had inflicted a severe defeat on Villa forces at Rodriguez, near San Luis Potosi. It is also claimed that Carranza forces have completely invested Puebla from which they were driven by Zapata forces some time ago.

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Governor General Harrison, cabling from Manila, today reported to the war department he had been advised that a new line of steamers from New York to Manila and the Dutch East Indies by way of the Panama canal was being planned by the Holland S. S. Co., opening a new trade route to the Orient.

Governor Harrison made no mention of reports that troops in Manila had been held in quarters last night and officials of the insular bureau believed that if that had been done it was a New Year's eve precaution taken particularly in view of the recent disturbances.

Fred C. Church carried the insurance on the delivery truck of the D. L. Page company which was destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening.

SIR JAS. DUCKWORTH DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The death has been announced of Sir James Duckworth, former member of parliament and president of the United Methodist free church.

Sir James was born in 1840 and began to earn his living in a cotton mill before he was seven years old. In the later years of his life he built up a vast provision business.

Let us send our coke expert to show you how to get the most heat out of it and how to keep a good fire without attention from 12 to 18 hours. Write, telephone or call today.

ANY COAL DEALER OR LOWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Order a load of Lowell Coke today and try it. You will save money and have a hotter, more even fire in heater or range.

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GOLDEN PROSPECTS

In accordance with the annual custom at this season, the Boston Post presented to its readers yesterday the views of several prominent financiers of that city with regard to the year gone by and their predictions for the future. Those interviewed represented every shade of political opinion and many of the men quoted are noted for their conservative views, yet in every instance they forecasted a year of prosperity. There was no attempt to minimize the partial depression of the present or to soar into groundless felicitations. The general opinion seemed to be that the present stagnation is needless, being due to a lack of confidence rather than to a basic disturbance.

Colonel William A. Gaston, president of the National Shawmut bank, said: "The United States, situated as it is today, the only great power in the civilized world which is not engaged in the European war, stands in an exceptionally commanding position. The warring countries are all large importers of foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactured goods, and with their own supplies diminished they have turned naturally to us to supply their wants. We, with our unlimited resources, are well prepared to meet this outside demand in addition to our own needs."

George N. Towle, member of the governing board of the Boston Stock Exchange, said: "We have passed the federal reserve act, which to my mind is a matter of the greatest importance, and gives us now an intelligent and workable banking law for the first time in our history."

W. F. Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald, Hubbard & Co., said: "The present business depression is as big a fiasco as was the money panic of 18 months ago. It is a fallacy that starvation and the liquidation of labor are effective methods. A simpler and more direct way is to show the need of an increased efficiency in labor and a greater integrity in capital. Lack of confidence alone is responsible for the great suffering throughout the country, and not conditions."

The natural reflection on reading these and many other optimistic utterances is summed up in the advice of Hon. Joseph O'Neil, president of the Federal Trust Co.: "We are facing a period of great prosperity. Meet it and help it along with cheers, not moans. The optimist helps while the pessimist retards. Today all the pessimism belongs to the other side of the Atlantic; on this side is business, big business, plenty of business for all who have faith and back their faith with work."

It would be folly for these men to assume that mere announcements of prosperity will bring prosperity. They merely did what practically all our trade papers and scientific reviews are doing, in outlining the sound conditions on which American finance and business stand at the present time. Speaking with the conviction of experts and with a force born of experience they virtually declare that when our employers and employees, our capital and labor see the folly of discouragement or unnecessary fear, a better spirit will be fostered in our business life, and we will have a greater degree of prosperity.

Let us then all resolve for the coming year to let no personal, political or other discouraging influence intrude itself into our thoughts and actions in all relating to American business conditions. The new year has dawned in sunshine and cheer. Sunshine and cheer radiate from everything that tends to influence our business life. The silver lining of the war cloud is turned towards us. Let us not mar the brightness of the prospect by needless pessimism, but, remembering our duty to our country, let us help along its prospects by unanimous and cooperative enthusiasm.

THE LOCAL OUTLOOK

Judging from the opinions heard on the streets, from the merchants in the stores and from the heads of local manufacturing firms, the announcement of probable local prosperity for the coming year, as made by the board of trade, will strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of our citizens. Though Lowell has been far more fortunate than most cities of its size in this section of the country, the temporary disturbance arising from the European war brought some measure of inconvenience, but the general belief is that this condition has practically passed with 1914.

As befits a business document the forecast issued by the board of trade is conservative and cautious in tone, but its most dominant note is confidence in the near future. This is all the more gratifying and reassuring when we remember that the bulletin was compiled from information derived from a source of our largest manufacturing firms. This information was not in any sense theoretical but was undoubtedly based on experiences that are already having their beneficial effect on Lowell manufacturing.

While we are gradually adding to the diversity of our manufacturing plants, the textile business must continue to be our greatest industrial activity. It is well that it should be, for while the textile business has its vicissitudes, it is, more uniformly, even perhaps than any other business of any magnitude in the country, cities that are mainly shoe centres, cities that depend on automobile factories, and cities that grow up around other great lines of manufacture have far more depressing periods than do textile cities at their worst. Even when a textile city is at the lowest ebb, the mills keep running part time and the extremes of prosperity and adversity are not sounded spasmodically. This has been especially apparent since the outbreak of the war and it has also been apparent that the textile business has been one of the first to benefit directly. In the great business that is so generally predicted and anticipated, therefore, there is every ground for the hope that Lowell will grow as cities know that are alive and active.

WAR LOSSES

The real nature of the gigantic conflict now going on in Belgium and along the French frontier and also in the eastern field may be learned from the decision of the allies not to attempt the offensive against the German line until fresh recruits have been sent from England. This does not indicate any weakening of the allies' attack but it bears out the desperate character of the fighting, with the Germans so firmly entrenched that any success of the other side is gained only at an enormous loss. The same would be true if the Germans resorted to the offensive, which they do, not

food among the most revolting refuse. The children who hang around business establishments for firewood, much of which they steal, is a common sight. Many of these things may seem innocent enough but the habit of any one of them is demoralizing and unfortunately, too, many parents through carelessness or ignorance do not try to prevent the dangerous practices. The authorities should keep an eye on child scavengers, for the sake of the poor children, themselves, and for the sake of the community.

THE AMERICAN NOTE

The report that the American note protesting against the hampering of American shipping has been well received in Rome serves to still further confirm the assertion that this country voices a grievance which is shared by most neutral nations. It is only natural that in the exigencies of war a strong power should forget some of the rights of other nations and, at the same time, those who feel discriminated against must, in time, resent it.

England has not yet made a reply to the friendly but firm requests of our war department, but, in the face of public opinion here and elsewhere the reply cannot be other than favorable. The Roman dispatch says that America's stand will eventually lead to a revision of the laws governing international usage in commercial relations at times of war.

SEEN AND HEARD

Be a good loser. But don't make it a habit.

Never stand behind a mule when you are arguing with him.

When a girl marries she usually loses a good friend and gets a grumpy boarder.

He who would drown his sorrows in the bottle will soon find himself submerged.

If you want to waste about two hours of your time just ask a young husband how his first baby is getting along.

This appears to be a good year for the "Duds" to get in, as is shown in the recent elections when nearly all of the "Ins" went out, including Hurley of Salem, Brown of Lowell and Turnbull of Lynn. —Lynn Evening News.

OVER THE WIRE

Here is a true telephone story told by the chef at the West Lynn hotel. The chef was telephoning to the hotel when the party on the other end left the receiver off and wanted to get the hotel again. The operator could do nothing for him and he called a neighboring storekeeper and asked him to go to the hotel and tell someone there to "hang up the receiver." The party on the other end understood the chef to say, "Go to the hotel, bring out a ham and don't let anyone see you." Needless to say the chef had to go to the hotel in person before the telephone receiver was hung up.

GENTLE CONSIDERATION

A group of little girls at Merrimack academy in Arlington were discussing the approaching Yuletide, and

BUSINESS OPENINGS

CONGRATULATIONS, NEIGHBOR

Our neighbor, the Courier-Citizen, need make no apology for tooting its horn a little bit on the occasion of its twentieth birthday. Having left its teens it is quite naturally reminiscent, and the retrospect covers a time of notable achievement in the newspaper world. The anniversary section is creditable both in a literary and typographical sense and the subject matter is of interest to all who have come in touch with newspaper conditions in Lowell for the past twenty years. One cannot recall the newspaper history of this period without realizing that the local service has progressed consistently until at present Lowell is perhaps better served than any other city of its size and character in the country, both by its morning and evening papers. The Sun takes pleasure in acknowledging that while the Citizen is a wide-awake, active and aggressive competitor, it is a decent competitor. The personal articles in its anniversary section call particular attention to its energetic and capable staff. We heartily congratulate our neighbor and wish it many happy returns of its anniversary.

CHILD SCAVENGERS

The report issued by the Massachusetts child labor committee suggesting that children be kept from dump heaps, freight yards, ash barrels, etc., hits an evil that is very rampant in this city and that is more injurious to hundreds of youngsters than most people imagine.

All of the activities of child scavengers are demonstrated here from time to time. We have the child who steals coal from freight cars, the child who goes around when the ash barrels are out, and the child who looks for

Trump Action Will Stop Your Cough.

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough), break it up at once. This idea that it does not matter often leads to serious complications.

Dr. King's New Discovery

soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm.

You feel better at once.

It seemed to reach the very seat of the cough in one of many testimonial

testimonials.

etc. at your druggist.

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DRACUT GRANGE BUSY

Fine Program Completed for '15
—Dracut Center School Presented a Flag—Other News

The installation of the recently elected officers of the Dracut grange will be held at the regular meeting of the organization, which will be held at Grange hall, Dracut Center, Monday evening. The affair will be preceded by luncheon and an entertainment program will be carried out. The officers to be installed are as follows:

Hazel Wehbeck, master; Thomas H. Varnum, overseer; Fred P. Vinal, lecturer; Wesley R. Crosby, steward; Victor N. Cluff, assistant steward; Alice B. Colburn, chaplain; Harry M. Fox, treasurer; Florence M. Wehbeck, secretary; Walter V. Burnett, gate keeper; Glenn A. Crosby, crier; Gertrude L. Cluff, pomona; Linda A. Wehbeck, flora; Ella E. Burnett, lady assistant steward.

The various committees of the grange for the year 1915 are as follows:

Executive—Alton B. Bryant, Eugene C. Fox and Asa Stickney. Relief and visiting—Julia Bryant, Martha E. Fox, Sadie H. Coburn, Mary J. Keyes, Nellie G. Vinal, Rev. Ernest C. Bartlett; Henry E. Fox, Frank A. Huntley, Bert A. Cluff and John W. Peabody. Feast—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaudette, Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Cluff, Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Cluff, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Fox.

Musical—Eliza G. Colburn, director; Anna Roth, Maud Coburn, Elizabeth Stickney, Helen Boynton, Ermine Gaspar, Chester Colburn, Henry Coburn, Asa Stickney, Inez Beat and Vivian Fox.

Library—Rose Peabody, Alice Coburn, Clara Kennedy, Annie Boudinot, Mabel Peavey, Charles Randall, James Walsh, James S. Murphy, George Stevens, Charles Stickney.

Tableau—staff—Bertha Thissell, Mary Hilton, Addie E. Pillsbury, Ella S. Roth, Margarette Snellgrove, Hattie J. Coffin, Adena Cluff, Jennie Gorman, Helen Bryant, Battle E. Fox.

The program for the year 1915 was issued this morning and is as follows:

Jan. 4—Installation of officers by music, in charge of music committee.

Jan. 18—A talk on "Safety First" by the members.

Feb. 1—Drama by young ladies of Grace Universalist church, Lowell.

Feb. 15—Entertainment in charge of the literary committee, Box party.

March 8—Confering of degrees, first by the regular officers; second by the gentlemen's degree staff.

March 15—Confering of third degree by the ladies' degree staff.

April 5—Confering of fourth degree. Inspection by district deputy supervisor.

April 19—Whit party. Worthy overseer in charge.

May 17—Veterans' night, in charge of Mrs. Anna D. Boudinot, assisted by Mrs. Lucella M. Davis and Fannie Hoye. Open meeting during lecturer's hour.

June 21—Children's night, in charge of the occasion.

THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE

Notices of Competitive Examinations for Good Jobs Sent Out by Uncle Sam

The United States civil service commission announces open competitive examinations as follows: Senior animal husbandman, for men only. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position.

Milk Specialist. Milk specialist, for men only. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position. The salary ranges from \$2000 to \$2500 a year. Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and vacancies as they occur. In positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

The duties of this position will be to conduct research work pertaining to animal breeding.

Graduation from a four-year course in a college or university of recognized standing, and at least three years' experience since graduation from college in teaching or research, or both, in animal or plant genetics, or in a college, university, state experiment station, or similar institution, are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

Person who meet the requirements and desire this examination should apply for forms 301 and 205, stating the title of the examination for which the forms are desired, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board, Post Office, Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, O., Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Seattle, Wash., San Francisco, Cal., Louisville, New York, N. Y., New Orleans, La., Honolulu, Hawaii; Old Custom-

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

PREDICT BIG BUSINESS

Real Estate Men and Contractors Optimistic and Look for Boom—Building Notes

Greatly increased activity is anticipated in the real estate and building activity in the spring. The men engaged in these fields are preparing for big business. Many people in the cities and towns near Boston are buying land and the real estate men in those localities are making very many good sales. The local real estate dealers are aware of this and say that the outlook is highly favorable. The general impression undoubtedly is that the coming of spring will be accompanied by decided boom in the real estate building activity.

Six New Houses
The six new two-apartment houses at the corner of Middlesex and Stevens streets are now completed and are a most attractive array of up-to-date residences. These were erected by Mr. Vital Robert, a well known local contractor, for Mr. A. P. Demers, a native of Lowell who resided for an extended period in Paris. Mr. Demers is planning to have erected other houses in the Highland district. His contribution to a building boom in this vicinity is a notable one.

Mr. Robert is now engaged in remodelling the property of Dr. T. Loring at the corner of Middlesex and Wilder streets. This property is known as the Glidden estate.

Built Two Apartment Houses
Farell Greenberg, a large property owner of this city, will soon add two more apartment houses to his list of local holdings. The new houses will be constructed in Chelmsford street, their locations being 188-190, and 192-

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house on the lot. The sale was made to a local man for an out-of-town owner.

The sale of a modern nine-room, one-family dwelling situated near the corner of Parker and Stevens streets. The house is heated with steam and is equipped with bath, electricity, hardwood floors and slate roof. The sale was made for a local professional man and the purchaser will occupy the house within the next month. Names will be reported later.

The sale of an excellent building lot in the Tyler Park section of the city. The lot contains about \$5000 feet of land with a frontage of 66 feet. The purchaser will erect a modern house upon the lot. Names will be given when the deed is placed on record.

A COLONIAL ROOM

To have at least one bedroom with antique furniture is the desire of most house mistresses, but too often its good effect is marred by a lack of attention to the room itself. The figured wall paper was the rule in houses of any pretensions, but not every figured paper is suitable and it must be remembered that whether correct or not certain furnishings cannot be used with a wall of decided pattern.

For a room of fair size and well lighted the foliage papers are extremely good, and those with a comparatively small pattern and rather gay effect carry out the old fashioned idea better than those of more modern type. Another admirable paper for a room of this type is one which reappears year after year, a Japanese looking design of pine tree branches in blue on a white ground. It can also be had in green but that coloring is far less pleasing.

Still another sort of paper for the old fashioned room has a white ground with big branches of flowers realistically treated the design surrounded by a suggestion of shadow produced by the use of tiny black dots. Occasionally one finds a paper scattered over with tiny landscapes enclosed in some sort of scroll work and these papers are excellent for this purpose although some of them are rather colorless.

With these strongly patterned walls, curtains and bed hangings should be of dimity or some sort of striped muslin. For draping the four poster nothing is so good as dimity, with an edging of narrow cotton fringe or gimp, and the sill window curtains should match.

It is quite possible to have an old fashioned room without any upholstered, using rush seated chairs and dispensing with anything in the shape of a couch or easy chair, thus avoiding the conflict of two patterns, one on the walls, another on the furniture. A compromise is possible by covering chairs and couch with a striped material, white with the general tone of the walls, or else using one of the French cotton fabrics, jaspe or armoire, which are specially intended for wall coverings. Indeed it is a pity to forego the air of elegance given by the high backed, winged chair standing by the fireplace.

BEGIN GARDENING NOW
Contrary to the general belief, January is the most important month, so far as the success of your vegetable and flower gardens is concerned.

The estate of Jolla Kilpatrick, Annie W. Welch, administratrix, will be repaired and improved. New bath fixtures and plumbing apparatus and a new steam heating plant will be installed. Doors will be changed over to provide new bathroom accommodations, and a new window opening will be cut. The remodeling will cost about \$225.

New Plazas and Repairs

Mrs. H. M. Campbell will construct a new plaza on her property at 124 Coburn street. Mrs. Campbell resides at 30 Appleton street. The plaza will be quite large and the foundation work will consist of posts. General repairs will also be made on the property and the total cost, it is estimated, will be \$50 to \$75.

Successful Year

John Cotter, the well known plumbing and heating contractor, whose place of business is located at Liberty square, did a large volume of business during the year 1914, and is very optimistic in his expectation for 1915 as a consequence. Cotter received some important contracts and in addition to these, the general business at his store has been very good.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS

Byam Bros., real estate brokers, with offices at 97 Central street, report the following sales for the week ending Jan. 1, 1915.

The sale of the Charles H. Chadwick property, situated on the easterly side of Pollard street in Billerica and comprising five acres of land well covered with fruit trees, a six-room modern house and stable.

The sale was made to Elmer E. Terpilo, a wide-awake developer and builder, of Billerica. This property is undoubtedly the very finest parcel of the many that have been opened up for development in Billerica since the advent of the mammoth car shops of the Boston & Maine railroad. Situated on the main thoroughfare from North Billerica to Billerica with car service and town water, and not over seven minutes' walk to the car shops, it rises gently from Pollard street and runs easterly about 700 feet, the entire tract commanding a beautiful view of the Concord river valley.

Mr. Terpilo has already put through a 44-foot street, fronting upon which he has 28 available house lots of from \$600 to \$800 feet area. He has sold several of these lots to people with whom he has contracts to build in the near future. He has under construction for himself two very attractive, thoroughly modern semi-bungalows, as well as two more foundations under construction. This grade of development is welcome in Billerica as it is of the permanent and healthy type.

Abel R. Campbell's Office

Abel R. Campbell, real estate and general insurance broker, with offices at 403-405 Sun building, reports the following sales for the week ending Jan. 1:

The sale of the new and modern eight-room dwelling at 950 Middlesex street to Mr. Maurice Lambert of this city. This house is equipped with steam heat, bath, electricity and quartered oak floors. Land to the amount of 4950 feet was conveyed with the house. Mr. Lambert is already occupying his new purchase. The grantor in this sale was Mr. Alfred T. Cates of this city.

The sale of a lot of land near St. Margaret's church. The lot contains 5000 feet of land with a frontage of 50 feet on the street. The purchaser will erect a modern two-apartment

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VIEW OF BUNGALOW LIVING ROOM



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—LIVING ROOM

The interior shows a fireside view of an artistic living room in a bungalow. Birch is used for facing of the fireplace, with heavy molded mantel above. Size, 25 feet by 38 feet. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$2500.

cerned. Next month, if you want early results from either vegetables or flowers, you will have to begin the work of starting plants. Before you do this you must, however, get your seed. And before you can order your seeds intelligently, and to accomplish just what you would like to accomplish for the following summer's gardening, you must have a definite knowledge of where each thing is going and of just the types and varieties you want. And before you can know these things accurately you must have thought out carefully a plan for the position, the amounts and the varieties of all the vegetables and flowers you expect to grow. That means work, diligent, painstaking work, without the exhilaration of spring smells and swelling buds around you. In making your plans for this summer's work, if you have had a few seasons of garden experience of your own, you will be able to judge from that to a large extent just what to put in and what to leave out. If you have kept any kind of a record or diary of your various garden operations to show dates of planting and harvesting, height and time of bloom of flowers, varieties that you have found especially attractive, and so forth, you will find this of the greatest use in planning your work ahead. In fact, without some such accurate basis to go by, it will be impossible for you to make your plans with any definite assurance that you have got things just right.

In case you have neither several years' experience nor a season's personal record of this kind to guide you, by all means secure at least one good book on flower-garden making and another on vegetables. No matter how many magazines you may be taking, you will find a book well worth while. Naturally the magazines have to follow more or less closely the work of the month. But to plan your work ahead for the season you need information about the whole year's work ready for immediate reference. It is a good plan also to secure a generous supply of catalogues, as very many of them contain useful information put in a way that will be of material help to you.

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ANNEXATION SCHEME

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on a district which is not so very much better, although he thinks it might be assessed for \$1,000,000.

The improvements which he enumerates might come gradually, although he must remember that Dracut streets are not, as he alleges, mere mud paths, nor is the Navy Yard without its water system with mains laid, while its schools, except for high school purposes, are adequate to all present demands.

The water service, fire and police protection, would have to be provided as soon as possible. Yet, if it were policed as the present department protects outer Centralville and the Oaklands, the expense should not be more than one-third what Alderman Carmichael says it would be.

When one officer has to patrol Baldwin and the Oaklands from East Merrimack street to Rogers and from Nessmith street to the Tewksbury line we wonder how many would be required to patrol a much less important district in Dracut.

At the present time the town of Dracut pays \$1200 for police protection and that includes the policing of Lakeview, one of the most lively summer resorts in New England. Moreover, the Dracut officers are quite as successful in catching murderers and other criminals as are the police of Lowell but Alderman Carmichael allows that it would cost \$7000 a year to afford police protection, not for the whole but for less than half of Dracut. If the Dracut annexes were merged with the other beats the additional cost should not be more than \$2000 per annum at most.

It appears, therefore, that the commissioner's figures in this matter are excessive and yet they are not so far out of the way as on some of his other estimates. If his totals were reduced by 50 per cent, they would be more likely to represent the actual amount that the city would spend if the territory in question were annexed.

Chance for New Bridge

Nobody can dispute the fact that the Navy Yard is a very desirable district to have added to our city while the territory extending along the river to the Methuen line would afford an opportunity for a fine river-front park which would require but slight expenditure to put it in proper condition.

When that district became properly developed there should be an opportunity for an additional bridge so that the land on the south side of the river might share in the growth and development that will inevitably take place on the north side. Should the river be made navigable, as we expect it will be, this land would attain considerable commercial value and would be of great importance to our city. River-front parks are very desirable and here is an opportunity to acquire one whose romantic beauty could not be exceeded even on the Hudson River. Is not that in itself a strong argument in favor of acquiring this land running down the Merrimack valley along the state highway leading from New Hampshire to the sea?

Within a few years Paxton creek, a body of water running through the land annexed, will have been paved with concrete at a cost of \$32,000.

The first summer playgrounds were established by the Harrisburg Civic club, but this work was later taken over by the city. There is today one acre of parks for each 1000 persons.

These parks enclose the city and a park containing nursery supplies and trees for the rare bushes, shrubs and trees with which the walks and drives are lined.

Wetell's swamp to the north of Harrisburg, containing about 5000 acres, has been transformed into a beautiful Wooded park. A lake covering 122 acres is used for boating, bathing and skating.

Reservoir park, 88 acres, stands overlooking the city, containing many playgrounds and complete equipment of swings and outdoor play apparatus, numerous picnic places, a well-furnished resthouse and a beautiful gar-

den.

Merit of the Proposition

From what we have said we believe that it must be apparent that this annexation proposition has more than sufficient merit to commend it to the city for adoption at the earliest possible moment.

The officials of the city who oppose it will be simply cast-

ing themselves like stumbling blocks

along the city's path to progress in a futile effort to stay her onward-march. But they will find their efforts vain.

The Lowell members of the legislature who believe in progress should be up in favor of the proposition and of its enactment this spring to be submitted to the people at the state election. With the bill should be a petition for permission to bor-

row whatever amount may be con-

sidered necessary to make some im-

mediate improvements in the line of

supplying water service, fire and

police protection as we have already suggested.

As to Borrowing for Improvements

It is true that this policy is con-

trary to Commissioner Carmichael's

idea of borrowing for municipal pur-

poses.

We do not believe that his pro-

posed scheme to reduce the tax rate

is feasible as it would necessitate a

do-nothing policy that would bring

on business stagnation and cause

many of our people to move away.

It is very often wise policy to bor-

row for necessary improvements and

even to borrow in large amounts.

Municipal economy does not mean

that we shall spend little and bor-

row less. It means simply that

whatever we spend or whatever we

borrow there shall be no waste of

public money and that every ex-

penditure shall bring satisfactory re-

turns in lasting results.

Progressive Cities Borrow Heavily

There has always been a consider- able number of people to oppose the men of enterprise and foresight who pointed the path to progress in every city. Human nature is the same today as it was all through our past history. There are people and plenty of them who cannot realize that occasionally it is good policy to expend money freely in order to

secure some great advantage, to de-

velop some great business or to

build up a great city. Merchants

have to do it and under wise direc-

tion cities can often do it to their

lasting advantage.

The city of Los Angeles may be

mentioned as an example of the re-

sult of wise but liberal expenditure,

plenty of advertising, years and years

of booming, a complete suppression

of the croakers and pessimists and

a free hand for the honest and

progressive boomers who have led the

city upward so that the last census

has shown it to have led all the

other cities in the country in the

percentage of increase in popula-

tion.

Los Angeles borrowed largely and

expended wisely. It is now reaping

the reward of its wise and pro-

gressive policy.

Case of Harrisburg

We shall cite another example from a great many that might be mentioned. This refers to Harrisburg, Pa., and is taken from an article in a Boston paper of Dec. 21.

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The Sun goes into nearly every home in Lowell and vicinity. Merchants know that Sun readers respond to their advertisements.

ESTABLISHED 1878

CHILDREN SEE MOTHER MURDERED AT HUDSON

HUDSON, Me., Jan. 2.—Angered by the refusal of his former house-keeper, Mrs. George Whitmore, to repay a loan of \$200 which he had made her many years ago, Charles H. Hamm, a wealthy retired farmer, a Civil war veteran, shot her down yesterday as she stood in the sitting room of her home, surrounded by her children.

The crime, which was one of the most cold-blooded in this section of Maine, followed many controversies between the 78-year-old veteran and Mrs. Whitmore. Yesterday morning he called at her home quite early and requested her to return with him to his own place, about two miles away, and do some housework. Mrs. Whitmore refused and Hamm, muttering and mumble to himself, left her alone.

Two hours later Hamm again appeared at the Whitmore home and this time he demanded that Mrs.

Whitmore accompany him. Another refusal aroused him beyond his control and he began to demand repayment of his loan.

"I must have the money today!" Hamm shouted.

Mrs. Whitmore fled into her sitting room, closely pursued by the aged veteran, and when she turned at bay, surrounded by several of her 8 children, Hamm whipped a revolver from his pocket. Once more he demanded the money. Before Mrs. Whitmore had a chance to reply he raised his weapon and pulled the trigger.

The mother fell, a crumpled mass, in the midst of her family.

Then, leaving the tormented children, Hamm walked from the place and to the house of the local constable, where he surrendered himself. He confessed to the crime and submitted calmly to his transfer to the jail in Bangor in the custody of Sheriff C. H. White.

Mrs. Whitmore, who was 33 years old, besides her children, leaves a husband.

THEY DO SAY

That the Spellbinder gets their goals. That New Year's in 1915 may be a legal holiday.

That a battery company will soon be formed in Lowell.

That Sergt. Sumner Needham will soon be known as "Lloul" Needham.

That Cudl is not overworking him self in Lowell this season.

That the police "healing committee" has been sent forth.

That it is a wise man who goes round corners carefully just now.

That a ring on the finger is worth two on the bell.

That all is not champagne which sparkles.

That the high school track team will be in the Imliehly soon.

That some of the New Year resolutions have followed the old year.

That the population of West Centralville is nearly 10,000.

That the Christmas music will be repeated in many churches tomorrow.

That there is room for a few more on the water wagon.

That the traffic officer's lot is not a happy one.

That the kitchen club watch meeting was the best ever.

That some "job holders" at city hall are feeling a little bit shabby.

That the school board will organize Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

That the inaugural exercises on Monday will be the shortest on record.

That New Year's eve didn't smack very much of hard times.

That next year New Year's day will be a holiday in Massachusetts.

That there was some class to Lowell's New Year's eve.

That many were called but a few did not get up this morning.

That most of the men who are seeking positions are dodging jobs.

That there isn't any fun in fishing if you have to catch fish for a living.

That the days are growing longer; it's kewlsc colder.

That sleighing is fairly good on the outskirts and in the country.

That it took a lot of sand to go around the local streets last Tuesday.

That many a man has made a New Year's resolution to pay off something on that "temporary loan."

That the demand for plain soda, vichy, etc., has increased greatly since yesterday.

That a woman nearly froze to death in Kenwood this week and only the quick work of Officer Roye saved her.

That no casualties have been reported thus far due to the keeping of New Year's resolutions.

That the sudden deaths in every craft cause others to feel they are trading on their ice.

That Police Officer Bill Quinlan will be called as president of the Eagles next Tuesday evening.

That Mike Saeling, the old time singer, will be heard from during the coming summer months.

That Jim Dunnigan still continues to be the most popular politician in North Chelmsford.

That the Y. M. C. A. bowling team in the City league hasn't hit its proper stride yet.

That skating was enjoyed by an exceptionally large crowd at Shedd park last evening.

That the children persist in coasting down Pond street hill in spite of the many dangers.

That Sergt. Gleason is getting quite a reputation out of those tin cupights.

That another Company K man is to take the jump, the wedding ceremony to be held some time in February.

That the traffic officers enjoy their jobs when the mercury drops down below zero.

That according to the police court records of yesterday many good resolutions were made.

That the South End club boys who are away with the Moose carnival company were missed at the banquet.

That the Bay State Street railway men have been busy bidding for new trips this week.

That the Christmas rush at the post office was followed by a big New Year's postcard business.

That the fireworks in Merrimack square Thursday night attracted a large crowd.

That there were many New Year parties in the camps and clubs in the suburbs of Lowell.

That the average cop would rather be laid off 30 days without pay than to take a traffic officer's job.

That their own bad luck doesn't wor-

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THE LOWELL SUN

LOWELL MASS. SATURDAY JANUARY 2 1915

The Sun prints the news of the world when it is news and only such news as is fit to print. It is a clean family newspaper.

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ALLEGED SWINDLE OF \$18,000 WITH OVER 4000 VICTIMS

WALKER AND BROWN REMOVED FROM OFFICE

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BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Four foreigners who have been alleged by the government to have carried on a gigantic swindle amounting in the aggregate to \$18,000, with nearly 4000 victims in various parts of the country, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal James C. Ruhl and Postoffice Inspector W. E. Hurley, charged with using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud.

The alleged fraud is claimed by the government to have been in connection with inducements offered to persons to become salesmen for cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and to make deposits for outfit.

All four of the defendants reside in Revere. Their names and the ad-

dresses under which it is alleged they have been doing business are as follows: Bedros M. Tamanian, the Amber Tobacco company, at 7 Water street; Louis S. Harpoontian, the Royal Cigar company, at 110 State street; Carnig S. Harpoontian, representing the Regle Tobacco company of 262 Bromfield street, formerly of 262 Washington street, and Meran M. Tamanian, representing the Eastern Tobacco company of 14 Federal street.

The government officials assert that C. S. Harpoontian is under a suspended sentence in connection with a bankruptcy case in the United States district court at New York.

When arrested the four men were taken to the Federal building, where they were locked up in the cage to

await the action of the United States commissioner. No sooner had the men been landed behind the bars than they asked permission to telephone their prospective bondsmen and attorneys, and soon their friends and legal advisers began to arrive and pave the way for their release after their arraignment.

The four men were served with individual complaints, the allegations of the government being the same in each case as those of the United States mail in a scheme to defraud.

They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hayes later in the afternoon, when C. S. Harpoontian was held in the sum of \$3000, and the three other defendants in the sum of \$500 each. All furnished sureties.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Governor Walsh, with the advice and consent of his council, has removed from office E. Gerry Brown, supervisor of small loans, and Commissioner Fred P. Walker of the bureau of animal industry.

This action was taken at the end of a record-breaking session of the council, which lasted from early morning until a few minutes before midnight. After the meeting Governor Walsh issued a statement commanding upon the features of the case.

In place of Supervisor Brown the governor has designated Deputy Geo. Neal of the state police, who will succeed him on the office until Mr. Brown's successor is appointed.

In place of Commissioner Walker he has designated Dr. Lester H. Howard of Boston.

The remarkable feature of the Brown case is that Mr. Brown has been holding office beyond his term, and it needed no action on the part of the governor to oust him except to name his successor.

The appointment of the successor will be a storm centre of politics at the state house.

Mr. Brown was appointed by Governor Foss a little while after the small loans act was passed, and he is the only man who has held the office.

The governor says that he is dissatisfied with the way in which the loan

FUNERALS

STEMPEZINSKI—The funeral of Joseph Stempezinski, a resident of Granville, took place yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Joseph Albert in Aiken street. Burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

CLOUD—The funeral of George Cushing Cloyd was held yesterday afternoon from his home in Hillman's corner, Pelham, N. H. The services were conducted by Rev. M. J. Allen, pastor of the Congregational church of Pelham, assisted by Rev. Raymond G. Clapp of the First Trinitarian Congregational church of the city. Walter Muzzolini, "Abide with Me," "Something Well Understood" and "Lead Kindly Light." The bearers were Charles Seavey, George Gowing, Willis Nutting and Will Marsh, all of Pelham. Burial was in the family lot in Pelham Centre cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Allen read the committee services. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Simmons and Brown.

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THOMAS—The funeral of Thomas A. Thomas, a prominent resident of Dracut, was held yesterday afternoon in the Boston room, Tewksbury, and the services were conducted by Rev. M. J. Allen, pastor of the First Trinitarian Congregational church. Rev. Sarah Dixon officiated. The service of the Knights and Ladies of Honor was also held. Miss Eliza Thompson sang "Abide with Me," "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," and "Never, If God to You, Fails." Walter Muzzolini, "Lead Kindly Light," and "Something Well Understood" were the soloists. The bearers were Charles Seavey, George Gowing, Willis Nutting and Will Marsh, all of Pelham. Burial was in the family lot in Tewksbury cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Simons and Brown.

WILL PRESENT THE ORATORIO "ELIJAH" AT OPERA HOUSE, JAN. 26, WITH FAMOUS SOLOISTS

The Lowell Choral Society is to provide the music lovers of this city with another evening of rare pleasure on Jan. 26 when the society presents Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in the Opera House with a noteworthy list of soloists. Chief among these are Mrs. Marie Sundellus, soprano, and Ronald Werrenrath, baritone, both of whom have appeared in this city before and have been received with tremendous enthusiasm. In fact, there are no concert singers now before the American public of greater popularity than these two singers, and the reason is not difficult to understand for combined with unusual vocal skill is a winning personality that never fails to get over the footlights to the audience.

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AMBULANCE CHASERS

MONTAUK CLUB DANCE

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED TRUST WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE ROBBED NEW HAVEN ROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A campaign against "The Ambulance Chasers" trust, so-called by Dist. Attorney Martin of the Bronx, was begun yesterday by the arrest of Dennis Murray, foreman of the New Haven road for a warrant charging perjury. He was released on \$3750 bail by Judge Louis D. Gibbs of the Bronx county court.

A confession obtained from Murray, according to the police, and backed by other evidence, it is alleged, revealed that an organization of influential lawyers exists for the purpose of swindling large corporations, particularly the New Haven road, for slight or imaginary injuries in accident cases.

The members of the "trust," Dist. Atty. Martin said, generally set out these cases out of court for large damages, 50 per cent. of which invariably went to the lawyers.

The district attorney expressed the belief that when the Bronx county grand jury reconvenes next week indictments will be handed down, charging certain lawyers, who have been prominent in these accident cases, with subornation of perjury.

This jury found indictments yesterday against Murray and another man who has not yet been arrested.

Mr. Martin expects to prove the existence of a well organized system with an agent in every town, he said.

A member of the legal department of the New Haven road, who appeared before the Bronx county grand jury yesterday, is said to have stated that before the railroad came under its present management it was mulled of large sums by settlements obtained through manufactured evidence, and that the Westchester county grand jury recently handed up indictments in connection with the matter.

The alleged perjury in Murray's case concerned his testimony at a coroner's inquest a year ago, regarding the death of James Fletcher, who had been accidentally electrocuted.

Murray, who was Fletcher's foreman, is said to have testified that although it was his custom to warn the men daily against the danger of live wires, he failed to do so on the day of the accident and that he told Fletcher that the wire which caused his death was dead, as he believed it was not charged at the time.

The verdict of the coroner's jury declared the road had been negligent. Suit for damages was started in the supreme court by Fletcher's estate, but the case was settled out of court by the payment of \$20,000 by the road.

Since that time, it is alleged, detectives employed by the railroad and men from Mr. Martin's office have obtained from Murray a confession which throws a different light on the case and implicates several lawyers. Evidence concerning similar cases also has been secured, it is said.

Murray, when arrested by detectives yesterday, willingly accompanied them to the Bronx.

Do you know of a better way to start the New Year than by taking advantage of the Grueling Mark-Down Sale of Men's, Women's and Boys' Clothing at the Merrimack Clothing Co.?

We have put specially low prices on Men's Suits and Overcoats, Shirts, Underwear, Sweatshirts, Wool Hosiery, Wool Gloves, Soft and Stiff Hats and Men's Work Shirts.

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Snow tonight; Sunday fair and colder; moderate westerly winds.

ESTABLISHED 1878

ANNEXATION SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT LOWELL

Reply to Ald. Carmichael's Speech
Against Annexing Part of Dracut—City's Path to Progress

Is the annexation of the Dracut most horrible consequences of any Navy Yard and the district along the departure from the old stereotyped river as far as the Merrimack? The commissioners may recall in this connection the great opposition that beset the movement to establish the present municipal water department of which he is the head and which he doubtless believes to be quite as important as any of our other city departments. Again, when it was proposed to build a new city hall there was a howl of opposition over what it would do to the tax rate, yet the city hall was built and even if it did add a little to the tax rate, everybody was satisfied that the city got its money's worth. There was vigorous opposition also when it was proposed to start a street railway here and again when progressive men came forward to give Lowell practically the first electric railway in the country. The howl went up that it would throw a great many men out of work, but on the contrary it has already given employment to ten times as many men as before and at a rate of wages more than twice that formerly paid.

When it was first proposed to put in the box fire alarm there was a great outcry as to the needlessness of the scheme and the waste of money. It would entail. In fact it was set down as a grafting project to put money in the pockets of certain city officials.

When a fire occurred and the fire department was called out, the only signal was the sound of an old bell on the Market house building and when that rang everybody inquired "Where is the fire?" in many cases the fire

HOUSE BURNED

A NEW YEAR'S PARTY

BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT
HELD BY CONGRESS CLUB,
LAST EVENING

The Congress club held a delightful New Year's party at their rooms in Gorham street, last evening, with a large and merry attendance. A banquet was held under the direction of Mr. Shaya while Caterer Ralph Harvey provided the feast. The post-prandial exercises were opened by the retiring president, James Sheehan, and the toastmaster was Mr. Charles Suddifer, the president-elect. Along with speaking the toastmaster contributed a brace of acceptable songs. Songs were also given by J. McNulty, J. Clancy, M. McCann, J. Mills, J. Mcclusker; piano solos, T. Halloran, P. Conway and P. Warren. Mr. Snow gave an interesting talk on his recent trip to Europe. C. Collins gave a monolog, W. Clancy a solo, and there were violin solos by C. Collins.

GENERAL JOFFE APPARENTLY IS STILL AVOIDING A GENERAL ATTACK. EXCEPT FOR

THEIR FACILITIES OF FEELING OUT THE GERMAN ARMY BY ATTACKS HERE AND THERE, THE ALLIES ARE PLAYING A WAITING GAME, PENDING THE TIME WHEN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF REINFORCEMENTS THEY DELIVER A CONCENTRATED BLOW AT SOME STRATEGIC POINT.

THE GERMANS ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO PRESS FORWARD IN POLAND BUT TO THE SOUTH THE RUSSIANS HAVE DRIVEN THE AUSTRALIANS FURTHER BACK—MORE THAN 80 MILES IN ALL. IT IS AGAIN REPORTED THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE POURING ACROSS THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS INTO HUNGARY, CAUSING THE INHABITANTS TO FLEE.

DRIVEN OUT OF SERVIA, THE AUSTRALIANS NEVERTHELESS ARE AGAIN LAYING SIEGE TO BELGRADE. ACCORDING TO DESPATCHES FROM THAT CITY FOUR MONITORS HAVE BOMBARDIED IT.

IT IS STILL EXCELENTLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ANY CLEAR IDEA OF THE TURKISH OPERATIONS BUT ACCORDING TO AN ATHENS DESPATCH THE SULTAN AND HIS COURT ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE CONSTANTINOPLE, FEARING THE EARLY FALL OF THAT CITY. THE ATTACK ON EGYPT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ABDOLVED INDEFINITELY.

VARIOUS REPORTS CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF EMPEROR WILLIAM'S THROAT ARE AGAIN IN CIRCULATION. ACCORDING TO ONE VERSION, THE EMPEROR MUST SOON RETURN TO BERLIN TO URGEO AN OPERATION.

WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT VAST NUMBERS OF MEN ARE NOW BEING TRAINED IN ENGLAND, GERMANY, IT IS RECOGNIZED HERE, MUST BE PREPARING FULLY TO MEET THEIR ENTRY INTO THE WAR. IT IS AGREED THAT MUCH DEPENDS UPON THE QUALITY OF THE NEW FORMATIONS ON BOTH SIDES. THE ENGLISH VIEW IS THAT BRITAIN'S NEW TROOPS WILL BE THE CREAM OF THE COUNTRY WHILE GERMANY HAVING SENT IN HER FINEST FORCES AT THE OUTSET MUST DEPEND FOR REINFORCEMENTS UPON THOSE PHYSICALLY LEAST.

THESE ARE AGAIN REPORTS OF THE MOVEMENT OF GERMAN TROOPS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST. ADVICES FROM AMSTERDAM STATE THAT 200,000 GERMANS PASSED THROUGH COLOGNE ON THE WAY EAST AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THEY ARE BEING SENT TO GENERAL VON HINDENBURG PREPARATORY TO ANOTHER GREAT EFFORT TO BATTER THROUGH THE RUSSIAN LINE TO WARSAW.

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CONSTANTINOPLE IS THREATENED

The Sultan Prepares to Flee—London Admits German Gains—Allies Play Waiting Game—Formidable Sank Off Portsmouth—Austrians Defeated

ATHENS, Jan. 2.—That Constantinople, the capital of Turkey, is threatened by the advance of hostile army is evidenced today when it was reported here that the sultan of Turkey and his court are making preparations to leave that city and retire to a more secure position. White despatches from the seat of the Turkish empire are obscure regarding this subject, those in a position to know are of the opinion that such a course will be taken by the Ottoman leaders. According to late despatches from Constantinople, it is declared also that the Turkish operations against the British territory of Egypt have been abandoned.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS HAVE BOMBARDED BELGRADE, THE SERBIAN CAPITAL, FROM WHICH THE AUSTRIANS WERE DRIVEN SHORTLY AFTER THEY HAD OCCUPIED IT.

Some damage to property was caused by the bombardment but so far as is known no lives were lost.

According to a Paris report, the British battleship Formidable was sunk off Portsmouth, England's chief naval base. The destruction of the Formidable is believed to have been the work of a German submarine.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS THE PLEAS OF IMMUNITY

SENT TO MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRADE BY OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The federal district court overruled today the pleas of immunity interposed by John L. Billard, James S. Elton and William Skinner to indictments charging them with criminal violation of the Sherman law in connection with their acts as directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company.

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NEWS OF THE ARMORY

What the Military Companies are Doing—Activities Planned Far in Advance

The activity of the second battalion of the Sixth regiment, stationed in this city and commanded by Maj. Col. T. Kitteridge, is attracting wide-spread attention throughout the state. Col. Warren E. Sweetser is highly pleased with the military situation in Lowell, and he feels that the election of a Lowell major has been one of the best things for the service and for the regiment since he took command. It was the commanding officer's personal wish that Major Kitteridge be elected at the head of the Lowell battalion, and since that time things have been booming here.

Battalion Recruiting
Each battalion commander in the past has thought only of his own command and has vied with the others in getting the pick of the recruits. The situation is now changed, for the recruiting of the entire battalion is in the hands of a staff officer, detailed for that purpose. Young men who desire to enter the service may apply at headquarters and they will be allowed to go into the company for which they have a preference, but an effort is made to equalize the enrollment, so that all the companies may have their complements of enlisted men, and no one company has a waiting list.

Battalion Nights
The recent battalion nights have had the effect of interesting a large number of young men in the National Guard. It is honorable for any young man to give his city and state one enthusiasm learning the military game from beginning to end, and fitting himself for service under the Stars and Stripes if such an opportunity should ever arise. Every young man feels in his heart that if a crisis arose and he were needed, he would enlist in his country's service.

National Guard
That the people of Lowell are taking a greater interest in the National Guard which is now a part of the regular army under recent federal legislation is shown by the great crowds which have visited the armory on the occasions of the recent battalion nights. The members of the four local companies have been giving practical demonstrations of their military knowledge, and it has been a revelation to hundreds who never gave the matter much of a thought before.

Practical Training
In former days the military work was given mostly to the ceremonies, dress parades and the like. Today everything is along the line of field work. An organization is now judged by its field efficiency, that is, by the way it performs on maneuvers and in camp, and its ability to shoot. It is an honor, therefore, for any young man to belong to one of the local companies, for they have certainly contributed their share to the shooting record of the state. Companies C, G and K of the Sixth have always stood high in rifle qualification, while Co. M of the Ninth has one of the best records in the regiment.

Capt. Walter R. Jeyes is improving rapidly and is able to get around for short walks in the vicinity of the armory. He was recently operated on for an ulcer in the stomach. The captain will ask for a four month's leave of absence on the order of his physician, and the active command of Co. G will devolve upon Lieut. Thos. W. Doyle.

Board of Trade Night
The members of the four local companies will report early Tuesday evening at the armory in order to do escort duty for Gen. Miles. Olive drab uniforms will be worn. Company commanders are arranging for a supper for their commands before the parade.

Tabor's Sixth regiment band will turn out Tuesday evening at the head of the military parade in honor of Gen. Miles.

Major Harry Hunter inspected the clothing and equipment of the band last night. The major is from Marlboro and is brigade quartermaster.

Sergt. D. J. Harvey has been detailed by the battalion quartermaster to look after the company caterers in the future.

Lieut. Schuyler R. Walter has returned from his wedding tour to New York and Baltimore. He never looked happier.

Lieut. Harry Sheldon has been drawing a military map of Billerica, a copy of which will be sent to the sheriff in that locality.

Lieut. W. C. MacBrayne has been detailed by Col. Sweetser to write a history of the Sixth regiment for publication in the National Guard magazine. The Lieutenant has also been appointed publicity officer for the regiment.

Big Military Event
Col. Sweetser is interested in the plan of the Lowell officers for a big military event in this city next Fourth of July. It is proposed to have the entire Sixth regiment here for a big parade, maneuvers and sham battle, a feature which would be appreciated by thousands of visitors as well as Lowell's population.

Capt. Thordahl Howe and other officers of the Lawrence battery will attend the board of trade military night Tuesday evening.

The two silver cups given as prizes by the board of trade for Tuesday's events are very handsome and costly trophies, and the companies winning them will be very fortunate.

The telephone at the armory has been working overtime during the past week, people asking if ladies will be admitted Tuesday evening. It is understood that the event will be for men only but a ladies' night will be held sometime in February.

In order to purchase new music the Sixth Regiment band is organizing a dancing party, which will be held at the armory on the evening of January 14.

A special meeting of the officers of all companies at the armory tomorrow. Special drills by all companies will also be held.

Andrew Sackley has presented a large oil painting of the battle of Gettysburg to the local headquarters. It will be framed and placed in one of the corridors of the drill shed.

Battalion Sergt.-Major George Crowley has recovered from his recent accident in which he suffered a broken nose.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Can you picture David Warfield, Lilian Russell, Enrico Caruso, George M. Cohan, Eva Tanguay, Robert Mantell, Irene Franklin, Fay Templeton and Bessie McCoy on one stage? You can, if you say that it was a "Perils of Pauline" show, and you would be wholly correct.

Like thousands of others you would rush to see such an aggregation, but the salaries paid these celebrities prohibit their appearances collectively, so in their anxiety to give to the patrons of the theatre the right to the entertainment have resorted to the "Perils of Pauline" for this exclusively. See it at the Royal every Wednesday and Thursday.

THE OWL THEATRE

We cannot but recommend "The Owl of the Year" as a newspaper story of the sort that gives a good idea of the hardships a reporter is likely to run across in his work as a newsman. It is the strongest story of the "Owl." The first episode of "The Exploits of Elaine," "Our Mutual Girl," "Leading Lizzie Astray," a "Keystone," "Lucille Love" and others on today's big program.

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When returning from the Immaculate Conception church yesterday, Miss Marie Paulina Aurage, employed as maid at the home of Edward Dalton, 55 Nesmith street, fell on the icy sidewalk at the corner of High and East Merrimack streets and sustained a severe fracture of the ankle. She was helped home by two ladies who were passing and Mr. Collins and Ryan were called to attend her. It will be several weeks before she can use the injured foot.

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THE FIRST WEEK OF 1915, COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 4th.

THE BICYCLE, 10 inch rolls \$3.50

THE BRIGHTON, 10 inch rolls \$3.50

THE CHALLENGE, 10 inch rolls \$2.25

THE STAR, 10 inch rolls, \$1.98

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THE STAR, 10 inch rolls, \$1.98

Regular price \$2.50. Iron frame.

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MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

"Life," one of the strongest, best and

most interesting of all the plays so far presented this season will be that offering the coming week in which the Merrimack Square theatre Stock Co. will be seen. It is a play of today, told in a language that much, but it does deeper than that, and it not only just what man's life is, and incidentally touches the lesson that the great stage upon which we all play our respective parts is largely what we make it. Life is in all its hues and elements is portrayed—the sunshine and sorrow, the joys and tears, the lights and shadows, and, of them all, what has its cloud with silver lining.

Two college chums—one from the country; a pretty sister of the country collegian who is struggling to make a living in the city, and who unluckily falls in love with her brother's chum, a boy who is fashionably dressed, with a shoulder to his woman's trouble, the while hiding his own under a smiling face—these are just a few of the many fine characters found in this remarkable play. And the scenes and situations are just as good. Frances Stanhope, the clever leading lady, who has been making a stir during her short stay in Lowell, has been given a role which allows excellent opportunity in which to display her versatility. Sam A. McHarry is another who will also be seen to advantage in the foremost male role, while others who will also be seen to advantage in the week's entertainment, one which this clever stage director promises to be on par with any seen recently for many years.

Performances will be given matinees and evenings the entire week at 2 and 8, and the coming Monday afternoon and evening an actual photograph of Mr. Sam A. McHarry will be distributed to every lady holding a reserved seat coupon.

Seats for all performances are now on sale. Subscription list open at the box office and the phone number is 2053.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

For the first time in motion picture history has a playhouse offered three high grade features at one showing. Yet this is what the Academy offers today. Daniel Frohman's company in "The Little Grey Lady" in four parts, is a story built around the famous "Hunted Down" scenes of Washington's buildings. Jane Grey plays the lead. "Hunted Down" is in three reels and has ideal out-of-door settings. It tells of a faithless lover's tracking down by a human bloodhound. "The Little Rebel" in four parts features George Custer and tells a stirring and dramatic story of the Civil war. This feature is distinct from "The Little Rebel" lately shown in Lowell. And the Academy shows single reels besides.

Tomorrow, Sunday, Mary Pickford in "Caprice," Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," and others.

The recent popularity of the Academy is highly pleased with the appreciative response which Lowell people have accorded the efforts of this theatre to present only the best in photoplays.

THE ROYAL THEATRE

The New Year's sensation "The Exploits of Elaine" the new serial written about Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective of fiction, is the attraction booked for Wednesday and Thursday at the Royal. The great interest shown in the new serial by the Lowell public has prompted the management to book it also for the next day's attraction. So on every Wednesday and Thursday, a new episode will be shown. Arthur Reeve, the famous writer of detective stories, and the creator of "Craig Kennedy" detective that have appeared in all the leading publications of the country, assisted by Charles Goddard, author of the "Perils of Pauline," has written the new serial. The principal actors are Arnold Daly, of Broadway fame, renowned for his extraordinary ability as an actor, and as a thinker, and Miss Pearl White, late "Pauline" of the "Perils." The first episode is "The Clutching Hand," in which a master criminal makes himself evident. He leaves no trace, except the picture of a well-drawn hand. Craig Kennedy, the detective, is at once put on his trail, and the serial will show modern methods of apprehending criminals. Arnold Daly is the "Craig," who is the clutching hand. This new serial is far superior to the "Perils of Pauline" because of the excellent actors, authors and producers who have been engaged for this exclusively. See it at the Royal every Wednesday and Thursday.

THE SPELLBINDER

This is the latest picture of King Albert, the ruler without a country.

Still fighting desperately at the head of his gallant, but war worn army, this brave monarch of a devastated little kingdom is in the eyes of most Americans the one majestically heroic figure of the war. Facing overwhelming odds he and his men went down to bitter defeat, their homes ruined and their famous public buildings burned, their people scattered and their land turned into fields of carnage. Yet King Albert and his soldiers are fighting on and still retain a bare foothold on their home ground, hoping against hope to turn the German invaders out. The average American takes off his hat to King Albert.

NEWEST PICTURE OF KING ALBERT, HEROIC RULER OF BRAVE BELGIANS



KING ALBERT

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years ago if I remember rightly they also voted to have a new public hall. The council has a fine opportunity to get away from its reputation as a "do nothing" administration taking up the public market matter and not let it go by default as did the public hall proposal.

The Record of MacAdamizing

Major Murphy recently made a report of the street and sewer work done during the year, and as yet it has not been explained why the report was not made by the commissioners in charge of these departments, who naturally would be more familiar with such matters than His Honor. The report itself would indicate that whoever made it was not entirely

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MARRIED 60 YEARS AGO

NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY MR. AND MRS. EDWARD A. SIMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Simpson of 56 Baldwin street observed their 60th wedding anniversary yesterday and although no formal celebration was held, many friends of the couple called on their home to extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson also received gifts of flowers and household articles.

Mr. Simpson was born in London, N. H., April 1, 1831, and came to Middlesex Village, which was then a portion of Chelmsford, in 1839. He was employed in grocery stores in Middlesex Village and Lowell and on the Howers estate until the beginning of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Co. B, 30th Massachusetts regiment. At the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 20, 1864, he lost his left leg at the knee. After the Civil war Mr. Simpson

Tickets Now On Sale

by members of the society and at the music stores of Steinert Co., 130 Merrimack street, and Samuel Kershaw, 177 Central street.

\$1.00, 75c and 50c

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By the Lowell

Choral Society

OPERA HOUSE

THE MOTH PEST NO BIG SCORES

Superintendent of Moth Extermination Files Annual Report

The annual report of the superintendent of moth extermination was submitted to the municipal council at a special meeting held this forenoon and was accepted and placed on file. The work of moth extermination for 1914 cost the city \$3200. The report:

City Hall, Lowell, Dec. 31, 1914. To the Commissioner of Public Property and Licenses and Members of the Municipal Council:

Gentlemen: During the past twelve months the work of the moth department has been carried on successfully with all possible efficiency, and I believe the results are now becoming very evident to all of our citizens; and I believe it fair to say that all of our trees and all shrubs and other vegetation affected by the moths, were in better condition during the time when this and other cities since the pest began.

All the work done by this department has been done in harmony with the state authorities, and in the strictest conformity to all state laws and regulations. The department is indebted to the state forested council for constant and valuable suggestions and most kindly co-operation.

During the period from January until April, the gypsy moth egg clusters were treated with creosote, and the brown-tail moth webs were removed on private property, which came under the jurisdiction of this department, by request of the owner, or through the department taking the initiative authorized by law. This work extended throughout the city but did not reach the woodlands lying on Varnum Avenue, extending to the Tyngsborough and West Dardt lines, and for this work amounted to \$3596.00, an increase over last year of more than \$1200. Lend arsenate was sprayed throughout the city on all public property, and on private property where requested by owners.

For the first time in the history of the department, during the month of August, we made a portion of the city water sprayed for the purpose of exterminating the brown-tail moth, and the effect of this innovation was most gratifying. The assessments for spraying of private property are included in the figures heretofore given.

With the very valuable and generous assistance of Mr. William Readon, the chief clerk in the assessors office, the assessment books for the assessors and the city treasurer were made up during the month of July and the early part of August.

The department has carried on so far under its appropriation, the cutting of brush and the cleaning up of breeding places of the moths throughout the city.

Some private property owners rendered the department very great assistance along this line, notably Messrs. John Burns, Burton H. Wiggin, Daniel Dickinson, and the executors of the A. C. Wheelock estate.

In the Oakland district an association of public spirited citizens, bent on the improvement of their locality, have co-operated with the department in every manner possible throughout the entire year, and at their own expense have done much work to assist in the extermination of these pests: the brown-tail moth, the gypsy moth and the elm tree beetle. This association is entitled to high praise for the spirit it has shown, and its example may well be followed in other sections of the city, and it is a great encouragement to any one in the employ of the city, to come in contact with men of civic spirit, anxious to do something for the city's welfare, rather than wasting their energy in useless and unprofitable enterprises.

It might be proper to again state that this department is at the service of the public, and exists for the benefit of the city as a whole, and for the help and assistance of private property owners, and their owners, such as will place their problems before this department, in a spirit of fairness, all the work necessary for the protection of their trees and shrubs will be undertaken zealously and economically.

The department congratulates itself on finishing its work, which is a result of a most dangerous nature, with but one accident, and happily that was not a serious one.

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It will be seen that inclusive of the rebate from the commonwealth, the total revenues of the department for the year have been \$3200, a round number; and as our total appropriation was \$5500, the work of moth extermination, has been carried on for twelve months at an expense to the city of about \$3200.

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Respectfully submitted,

John G. Gordon,
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Several close games were rolled on the local alleys last night, although no exceptionally high figures were set by the pin artists. The Lawrence Manufacturing League staged two games, the Hose Finish team winning from the Iron Shop while the Web Knit went down before the onslaught of the Shirt Finish.

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ATHLETES AND ATHLETICS

The Eastern association held its annual meeting today in New Haven, Conn. O'Rourke attempted to ease the minds of his marmots relative to the much talked of Federal invasion of the circuit, but the clouds of gloom still hang over the camp of our post-season rivals.

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HEMENWAY—The funeral of Rodney Hemenway will take place Tuesday afternoon. Services will be held at his home, 200 Franklin street, at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice.

The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

COHEN—The funeral of Walter S. Cohen will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, 29 Bowden street and proceed to

FRENCH YELLOW BOOKS

Documentary Evidence of Germany's Intention to Make War on France as Early as 1913

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

PARIS, France, Dec. 26.—Yet another addition has been made to the official list of documents relating to the war by the publication of the French Yellow Book, which, as already reported by cable, has just been issued. The book, which contained a number of documents of the utmost interest, necessarily traversed ground by this time familiar to every one.

Even the most cursory glance through it shows quite clearly that for a considerable period the French authorities have been uneasy as to Germany's intentions in the near future. At the beginning of 1913 the French ambassador in Berlin drew the attention of his government to the significance of the effort being made in Germany to arouse patriotic sentiment by the commemoration of 1913.

This warning was given emphasis about a year later, when according to a secret German report obtained by the French ambassador, it was declared that it was the policy of the German government so to pile up armaments as to cause the country to regard war as an act of deliverance.

At the end of 1913, M. Cambon informed M. Pichon that in his opinion the emperor was no longer in favor of peace.

Austrian Ultimatum Came

The affair at Sarajevo, it is declared, found Germany impatient for war and the French government received warning as to the serious international consequences that might result from it. On Thursday, July 23, came the Austrian ultimatum, and the following morning the triple entente powers were informed of its purport. On July 29, a telegram to M. Viviani gives an account of a verbal note presented by the German ambassador in Paris, which ends with the following quotation of Baron Schoen's words:

"The German government esteems that the present question should be settled exclusively between Austria and Serbia, and that the powers have a serious interest in confining it to interested parties. It ardently desires that the conflict should be localized, since any intervention of another power would by the natural working of alliances provoke incalculable consequences."

In a despatch of July 25, M. Sazonoff is quoted as saying: "I consider that even if the Austrian government passed to action we ought not to break off the negotiations."

These efforts were, of course, continued and were only broken off when Germany declared war on Russia. Although the French official statement covers familiar ground, it contains several documents the contents of which have not been hitherto known.

Account of Conversation

The most notable of these, perhaps, is an account of an alleged conversation between the German emperor and the king of the Belgians. This is reported in the following despatch from Jules Cambon, the French ambassador in Berlin, and is dated Nov. 22, 1913:

"I have received from an absolutely reliable source," M. Cambon says, "an account of a conversation which the emperor had a fortnight ago with the king of the Belgians in the presence of General von Moltke, the chief of the general staff, and which made a deep impression on the king."

"I am not surprised at this, as it has made the same impression on myself. For some time hostility against us has become accentuated, and the emperor has ceased to be a friend of peace. The interlocutor of the emperor had thought until now, like

the most master of these feelings of impatience than is generally thought. I have seen him more than once allow his innermost thought to escape. Whatever may have been his object in the conversation, which was reported to me, the revelation is none the less of the most serious character, because it reflects the precariousness of the general situation and the state of a certain portion of public opinion in France and Germany."

"If I were allowed to draw a conclusion, I should say that it would be well to take into account this new fact, namely, that the emperor is familiarizing himself with an order of ideas which were once repugnant to him and that, to borrow a phrase he likes to use, 'we must keep our powder dry'."

HIT GERMAN WARSHIP

WHITMAN'S INAUGURAL

HOWLETT, BRITISH AVIATOR, TELLS OF RAID ON GERMAN NAVAL BASE

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The experiences of Flight Commander Francis Howlett during the recent aerial raid on the German naval base at Cuxhaven are described in an interview with the aviator transmitted to Reuter's Telegram company from Amsterdam. Commander Howlett, who was believed to have lost his life until it was learned that he had been picked up by a steam trawler and landed at Studien, Holland, says he believes that he hit a German warship. "I led the airship squadron," says Commander Howlett, "and after a time found myself near the coast of Schleswig. I left our German territory and eventually came near Cuxhaven. When the mist had cleared I saw I had lost my direction. I descended at a certain point, ascended again and flew over the west German fleet and the trawlers which were lying under steam behind Heligoland. A formidable fire was directed at me and I replied with several bombs. It is my opinion that I hit one of the German vessels, because soon afterwards much smoke arose from her. I was unable to find the British fleet."

THE KAISER SENDS REPLY

GERMAN EMPEROR THANKS KING AND QUEEN OF BAVARIA FOR GOOD WISHES

MUNICH, Jan. 1.—Emperor William, replying to a New Year's telegram from the king and queen of Bavaria, sent their majesties the following message:

CROWE—LYNCH

A very pretty wedding occurred on the evening of Dec. 28, 1914, when Miss Mary Lynch was united in marriage to Mr. John Crowe at St. Peter's parochial residence. Miss Bessie Lynch, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and a cousin of the groom, Mr. William Sheehan, was best man.

A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Mary Lynch of 64 Pine Hill street. D. L. Page catered. Mr. and Mrs. Crowe left on their extended wedding tour and will be at home to their friends after Feb. 1. No cards.

(Signed) "Wilhelm."

CHURCHES IN NORTHERN FRANCE TURNED INTO HOMES FOR REFUGEES AND HOSPITALS



FRENCH REFUGEES SHELTERED IN CHURCH IN NORTHERN FRANCE

French people rendered homeless by the German occupation of northern France are here seen as refugees in a church under the care of German soldiers. Many holy edifices in that part of France have been turned into refugee places and into hospitals. In this picture, the bundles of the homeless people may be seen, containing all they have left in the world. Their homes were destroyed by war.

POSTOFFICE FIRE CONVICTS HAPPY DIED SUDDENLY

W. CUMMINGTON, Mass., Building and Contents Destroyed

WEST CUMMINGTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The postoffice and general store conducted by Edward E. Shaw, postmaster, was burned early this morning. The loss which includes the mail and postoffice supplies is estimated at \$2,000, covered by insurance.

THE SUN
IS ON SALE
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NORTH STATION
BOSTON

If you want help at home or in your business try The Sun "Want" column.

Draft of Prisoners From Sing Sing to Auburn Without Shackles

AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 1.—For the first time in the prison history of New York a draft of prisoners from Sing Sing to Auburn has been made without the use of shackles. Seventy-three prisoners were transferred today and between Albany and Syracuse and even the handcuffs were removed. No attempt was made to escape and the entire draft arrived at Auburn intact. At Syracuse arrangements had been made by telegraph for coffee and crackers, also an innovation.

Thomas M. Osborne, the new warden of Sing Sing, was thanked by the prisoners in a round robin statement.

EDWIN NORTON, ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF AMERICAN CAN CO. IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Edwin Norton, one of the organizers of the American Can company and its first president, died at his home here last night. He was 65 years old. He was a Civil war veteran.

KILLED IN POLAND

THE HAGUE, Jan. 1.—The Loka Anziger says in its issue of today: It has learned that the eldest son of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, was killed in action in Poland, Dec. 9. The statement published at the time that the young man had been wounded and made a prisoner is erroneous.

EXCUSE ME



HEIR TO GREAT ARMOUR FORTUNE TO WED PRETTY GWENDOLIN CONDON



MISS GWENDOLIN B. CONDON

Philip D. Armour, son of Philip A. Armour of Chicago, and Miss Gwendolin B. Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Condon of 26 East Seventy-sixth street, New York city, will be married on Jan. 8 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York city. Mr. Armour is the grandson of P. D. Armour, the Chièvre-packer and founder of the vast Armour fortune. Miss Condon's father has for many years been one of the leaders in the mining industries in America.

CITY HALL NEWS

Life of Street Commissioner Not a Very Happy One

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Skating at Shedd Park

After today, if you want to know if there is skating at Shedd park just take a gander at Pages big clock in Merrimack square. John Woodrow Woodbury Kerman, superintendent of parks, has arranged with the Page Co. to put a sign on the big clock to keep the skaters posted. If the skating is good the sign will say so and if there isn't any sign there at all you may take it for granted that there isn't any skating. Mr. Kerman said that the skating at the park yesterday is excellent.

DR. BISBEE SENTENCED

BRISTOL DRUGGIST GIVEN SENTENCE OF FROM TWELVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

MIDDLEBORO, Vt., Jan. 1.—A state prison sentence of from 12 to 15 years was imposed on Dr. Don Bisbee, the Bristol druggist convicted yesterday of manslaughter in causing the death of four persons by selling them liquor containing wood alcohol.

Bisbee showed emotion as sentence was pronounced by Judge Willard W. Miles. Addressing the court before the penalty was imposed, the prisoner expressed appreciation for the efforts of his counsel, and thanked Attorney General Barber and State's Attorney Frank Tuttle for their fairness.

"None one lied against me," he said, "and no one lied for me." He had a fair trial and I bow to the verdict of the law,"

Bisbee was tried on four charges of manslaughter, although it was alleged that 13 persons died after drinking liquor purchased at his pharmacy.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

The Bunting Cricket club will hold a New Year's concert at their club rooms in South Lowell next Sunday at 3 p. m.

Representative-elect Burton Crosby will have charge of the exercises and introduce the speakers and entertainers.

An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion and it is expected that the club's commodious quarters will be taxed to its fullest capacity. Invitations have been sent out to all the clubs in the city to send a delegation and representatives are expected to be present from Boston and other cities. Treasurer Frederick G. Humphries of the Bunting club will make an address on "Club Life" and as he has been actively engaged and identified in that work for a good many years, what he has to say on the social and fraternal features of club life and the benefits to be derived by being members will prove of interest to those who have the opportunity of listening to him. The best of local talent has been engaged for the concert. Other addresses from prominent city and state officials will be made. The management is making arrangements with the street railway companies to have extra cars run to the club house between two and three o'clock Sunday afternoon so as to accommodate all who wish to attend.

After Chamfers' Licenses

The weekly examination for chauffeurs' licenses taken out in Lowell in 1914 as against about 600 in 1913, and let it be understood right here that the making out of a chauffeur's license means a whole lot of work. The worst of it is the city doesn't get a cent for it. The licenses sell for \$1.00 per copy and there is no such thing as a mark down sale. Each license contains about 20 questions. These questions have to be asked and the answers filled in by the city clerk or his assistants. The money all goes to the state and may a cent of it ever finds its way back to Lowell. The big increase in the number of chauffeurs' licenses this year was due to the open season on pheasants.

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GOLDEN PROSPECTS

In accordance with the annual custom at this season the Boston Post presented to its readers yesterday the views of several prominent financiers of that city with regard to the year gone by and their predictions for the future. Those interviewed represented every shade of political opinion and many of the men quoted are noted for their conservative views, yet in every instance they forecasted a year of prosperity. There was no attempt to minimize the partial depression of the present or to soar into groundless felicitations. The general opinion seemed to be that the present stagnation is needless, being due to a lack of confidence rather than to a basic disturbance.

Colonel William A. Gaston, president of the National Shawmut bank, said: "The United States, situated as it is today, the only great power in the civilized world which is not engaged in the European war, stands in an exceptionally commanding position. The warring countries are all large importers of foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactured goods, and with their own supplies diminished they have turned naturally to us to supply their wants. We, with our unlimited resources, are well prepared to meet this outside demand in addition to our own needs."

George N. Towle, member of the governing board of the Boston Stock Exchange, said: "We have passed the federal reserve act, which to my mind is a matter of the greatest importance, and gives us now an intelligent and workable banking law for the first time in our history."

W. F. Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald, Hubbard & Co., said: "The present business depression is as big a fake as was the money panic of 18 months ago. It is a fallacy that starvation and the liquidation of labor are effective methods. A simpler and more direct way is to show the need of an increased efficiency in labor and a greater integrity in capital. Lack of confidence alone is responsible for the great suffering throughout the country, and not conditions."

The natural reflection on reading these and many other optimistic utterances is summed up in the advice of Hon. Joseph O'Neil, president of the Federal Trust Co.: "We are facing a period of great prosperity. Meet it and help it along with cheers, not moans. The optimist helps while the pessimist retards. Today all the pessimism belongs to the other side of the Atlantic; on this side is business, big business, plenty of business for all who have faith and back their faith with work."

It would be folly for these men to assume that mere announcements of prosperity will bring prosperity. They merely did what practically all our trade papers and scientific reviews are doing, in outlining the sound conditions on which American finance and business stand at the present time. Speaking with the conviction of experts and with a force born of experience they virtually declare that when our employers and employees, our capital and labor see the folly of discouragement or unnecessary fear, a better spirit will be fostered in our business life and we will have a greater degree of prosperity.

Let us then all resolve for the coming year to let no personal, political or other discouraging influence intrude itself into our thoughts and actions in all relating to American business conditions. The new year has dawned in sunshine and cheer. Sunshine and cheer radiate from everything that tends to influence our business life. The silver lining of the war cloud is turned towards us. Let us not mar the brightness of the prospect by needless pessimism, but, remembering our duty to our country, let us help along its prospects by unanimous and cooperative enthusiasm.

THE LOCAL OUTLOOK

Judging from the opinions heard on the streets, from the merchants in the stores and from the heads of local manufacturing firms, the announcement of probable local prosperity for the coming year, as made by the board of trade, will strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of our citizens. Though Lowell has been far more fortunate than most cities of its size in this section of the country, the temporary disturbance arising from the European war brought some measure of inconvenience, but the general belief is that this condition has practically passed with 1914.

As befits a business document the forecast issued by the board of trade is conservative and cautious in tone, but its most dominant note is confidence in the near future. This is all the more gratifying and reassuring when we remember that the bulletin was compiled from information derived from a source of our largest manufacturing firms. This information was not in any sense theoretical but was undoubtedly based on experiences that are already having their beneficial effect on Lowell manufacturers.

While we are gradually adding to the diversity of our manufacturing plants, the textile business must continue to be our greatest industrial activity. It is well that it should be so, for while the textile business has its vicissitudes, it is more uniformly even perhaps than any other business of any magnitude in the country. Cities that are mainly shoe centers, cities that depend on automobile factories, and cities that grow up around other great lines of manufacture have far more depressing periods than do textile cities at their worst. Even when a textile city is at the lowest ebb, the mills keep running part time and the extremes of prosperity and adversity are not sounded spasmodically. This has been especially apparent since the outbreak of the war, and it has also been apparent that the textile business has been one of the first to benefit directly. In the great business that is so generally predicted and anticipated, therefore, there is every ground for the hope that Lowell will grow as cities grow that are alive and active.

WAR LOSSES

The real nature of the gigantic conflict now going on in Belgium and along the French frontier and also in the eastern field may be learned from the decision of the allies not to attempt the offensive against the German line until fresh recruits have been sent from England. This does not indicate any weakening of the allies' attack but it bears out the desperate character of the fighting, with the Germans so firmly entrenched that any success of the other side is gained only at an enormous loss. The same would be true if the Germans resorted to the offensive, which they do not.

food among the most revolting refuse. The children who hang around business establishments for firewood—much of which they steal—is a common sight. Many of these things may seem innocent enough but the habit of any one of them is demoralizing and unfortunately too many parents through carelessness or ignorance do not try to prevent the dangerous practices. The authorities should keep an eye on child scavengers for the sake of the poor children themselves and for the sake of the community.

THE AMERICAN NOTE

The report that the American note protesting against the hampering of American shipping has been well received in Rome serves to still further confirm the assertion that this country voices a grievance which is shared by most neutral nations. It is only natural that in the exigencies of war strong power should forget some of the rights of other nations and at the same time those who feel discriminated against must in time resent it. England has not yet made a reply to the friendly but firm requests of our war department, but in the face of public opinion here and elsewhere the reply cannot be other than favorable.

The Roman despatch says that America's stand will eventually lead to a revision of the laws governing international usage in commercial relations at times of war.

It was a graceful and timely act of the toastmaster at one of the New Year banquets to call the attention of all in closing to the sorry conditions of the people of other countries and that all should sing a patriotic song. Even in times of the greatest joy we must not forget the sufferings of our brothers across the world. A look at the dark side of the picture, in an unselfish spirit may make our side even more bright and impress upon us all the blessings of peace.

The cheery "Happy New Year" of the business ads, seem exceptionally inspiring somehow—even though they may be prompted by a business sense. The best way to make our merchants happy in return is to trade with them—and there is no time better than the present.

It is certainly amazing to see the frequency with which the loaded revolver figures in our police court. Evidently many of our people consider the article a part of their wearing apparel. Revolvers are all right in their place, but the back pocket is not their fitting place under ordinary conditions.

And the fight goes on merrily in Mexico as in the days before the departure of Huerta.

Jan. 2, 1915

SEEN AND HEARD

Be a good loser. But don't make it a haul.

Never stand behind a mule when you are arguing with him.

When a girl marries she usually loses a good friend and gets a grouchy brother.

He who would drown his sorrows in the bottle will soon find himself submerged.

If you want to waste about two hours of your time just ask a young husband how his first baby is getting along.

This appears to be a good year for the "Outs" to get in, as is shown in the recent elections when nearly all of the "Ins" went out, including Hale, Salem, Brown of Lowell and Turnbull of Lynn—Lynn Evening News.

OVER THE WIRE

Here is a true telephone story told by the chef at the West Lynn hotel. The chef was telephoning to the hotel when the party on the other end left the receiver off and wanted to get the hotel again. The operator could do nothing for him and he called a neighboring storefront and asked him to go to the hotel and tell someone there to "hang up the receiver." The party on the other end understood the chef to say, "Go to the hotel, bring out a ham and don't let anyone see you." Needless to say the chef had to go to the hotel in person before the telephone receiver was hung up.

GENTLE CONSIDERATION

A group of little girls at Merry-Go-Round Academy in Arlington, were discussing the approaching Yuletide, and

BUSINESS OPENINGS

WANTED—Trained young men and women for good positions. Business firms have openings with excellent opportunity for advancement if competent.

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Limings, grates, centers and other parts for all stoves and ranges carried in stock. Work done at lowest prices. Bring name and size of stove or telephone 4170.

CHILD SCAVENGERS

The report issued by the Massachusetts child labor committee suggesting that children be kept from dump heaps, freight yards, ash barrels, etc., hits an evil that is very rampant in this city and that is more injurious to hundreds of youngsters than most people imagine. All of the activities of child scavengers are demonstrated here from time to time. We have the child who steals coal from freight cars, the child who goes around when the ash barrels are out, and even the child who looks for

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough
When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough), break it up at once. The idea that "it does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the inhalant, Dr. King's Nasal Discovery. The irritation loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my Cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 30c at your druggist.

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THE SPELLBINDER

Continued

Miller with the work, for under the head of macadamizing it read as follows: 1911, 21,770 square yards; 1912, 21,774; 1913, 36,332; 1914, 71,526 square yards. One would believe from the report that the street department out of its regular appropriation for macadamizing had done over twice as much work as had been done during the previous year out of the regular appropriation of that year. Undoubtedly if Commissioner Morse had presented the report he would have explained that the material excavated from Westford street preparation to paving that thoroughfare was used to macadamize Belvidere and other side streets thereby saving in material and the cost of teaming, which in a measure accounts for the large yards of macadamizing completed during the year.

The Contagious Hospital

The Courier-Citizen has editorially yesterday agreed with Dr. Elliott Washburn of the Rutland Sanitorium that there need be absolutely no fear of building a contagious disease hospital in any part of the city. But then the Courier-Citizen in so many words said that while there is no danger to be feared from the hospital, it should not be built where wealthy people reside, but it will be all right to place it anywhere else. Dr. Washburn, in his address, stated that there is great need for a tuberculosis hospital in Lowell and the legislature and the courts have said that Lowell must have one. The only attempt of a material nature ever made to locate one in Lowell was made last year when a site was selected with the approval of the state board of health and the money appropriated to purchase it. One of the earliest acts of the present administration was to undo this single material effort to give the city what it badly needs and what the law says it must provide. Thus the incoming administration will probably wake up to the fact that it must act with a view to establishing the hospital rather than to preventing its erection and when so acting it should bear in mind the instructions of the Courier-Citizen that a tuberculosis hospital is not dangerous to the health of those who reside in the vicinity.

A Correspondent on Police Matters

A correspondent, who, evidently, resides in Centralville, has sent in the following communication to this column:

"There is at least one resident of Centralville who is grateful to The Spellbinder, for it was only a few evenings after the publication of that statement regarding the late shift officers disturbing the residents of Centralville at night, it appears, orders were given to the police at roll-call not to make so much noise at night.

"Again we learn that the 'equal rights to all, special privileges to none' platform has received a blow, for it was only a few days ago that we read the mayor's letter commanding Officers Regan and Hill for making a courageous arrest in the Greek colony, responding promptly to the cries of 'Police' and 'Murder.' It happened that both men were called to the house by Greek and both responded promptly. One of the officers went to summon the patrol wagon and meanwhile Sergt. McClellan appeared on the scene and took charge of the situation. However, we do not learn of Sergt. McClellan being commanded although his name appears first on the record of the arrest.

"This is probably a good time to let the public know how officers are deprived of the opportunity of making important arrests. If a police officer makes an arrest for drunkenness and superior officers happen along, their names are put on the record but not first as they do not like to go to court for a simple drunk. But should an important arrest be made by a patrolman and a superior officer happen along, the latter's name will appear first on the record and he will be right there in court. Another example: If a warrant is to be served, most of the time, the superior officer serves it and very often nothing is told the officer on the route until the superior officer comes around at a late hour with the warrant. There have been cases where the person wanted by the police has disappeared before the superior officer comes around and might have been arrested had the officer on the route been told about the case."

There are no servants at whom so many people delight to whack as the policemen. They get it on all sides whether or not they deserve it, and

So shall thou walk with gladness and not grief.

Planting a hope in all the thorny ways.

Do lovely deeds, of brotherhood the bond;

Each burden nobly lifted and each task;

Each da's plain duty, teaches thee to be

The friendless lives brave in their

Loneliness,

Ere yet they near the Shadows and the Mask,

And those untried paths that stretch beyond.

Speak lovely words, to fall like sunlight rays.

That youth may be so long, and age but brief.

To add to joy in life a little more,

And take some misery out of earth's vast store.

To thy divinest self he stands revealed,

His conquering power through love made manifest.

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DRACUT GRANGE BUSY

Fine Program Completed for '15
—Dracut Center School Presented a Flag—Other News

The installation of the recently elected officers of the Dracut grange will be held at the regular meeting of the organization, which will be held at Grange hall, Dracut Centre, Monday evening. The affair will be preceded by luncheon and an entertainment program will be carried out. The officers to be installed are as follows:

Hazel Weinbeck, master; Thomas H. Varnum, overseer; Fred P. Vinal, lecturer; Wesley R. Crosby, steward; Victor N. Cluff, assistant steward; Alice B. Colburn, chaplain; Harry M. Fox, treasurer; Florence M. Weinbeck, secretary; Walter V. Burnett, gate keeper; Glenna A. Coburn, crier; Gertrude L. Cluff, pomona; Linda A. Weinbeck, flora; Ella E. Burnett, lady assistant steward.

The various committees of the grange for the year 1915 are as follows:

Executive—Alton B. Bryant, Eugene C. Fox and Asa Stickney; Relief and visiting—Julia Bryant, Martha E. Fox, Sadie H. Coburn, Mary J. Keyes, Nellie G. Vinal, Rev. Ernest C. Bartlett, Henry E. Fox, Frank A. Huntley, Bert A. Cluff and John W. Peabody. Feast—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaudette, Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Cluff, Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Cluff, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Fox.

Music—Ella G. Colburn, director; Anna Roth, Maud Coburn, Elizabeth Stickney, Helen Boynton, Erma Gaspar, Chester Colburn, Henry Coburn, Asa Stickney, Inez Beal and Vivian Fox.

Library—Rose Peabody, Alice Coburn, Clara Kennedy, Annie Boudinot, Mabel Peasey, Charles Randall, James Walsh, James S. Murphy, George Stevens, Charles Stickney.

Tableau staff—Bertha Thissell, Mary Hilton, Addie E. Pillsbury, Ella S. Roth, Margaretta Snellgrove, Hattie J. Coffin, Adeline Cluff, Jennie Gorman, Helen Bryant, Hattie E. Fox.

The program for the year 1915 was issued this morning and is as follows:

Jan. 4—Installation of officers by music, in charge of music committee.

Jan. 18—A talk on "Safety First" by the members.

Feb. 1—Drama by young ladies of Grace Universalist church, Lowell.

Feb. 15—Entertainment in charge of the literary committee. Box party.

March 5—Confering of degrees, first by the regular officers; second by the gentlemen's degree staff.

March 15—Confering of third degree by the ladies' degree staff.

April 5—Confering of fourth degree. Inspection by district deputy. Supper.

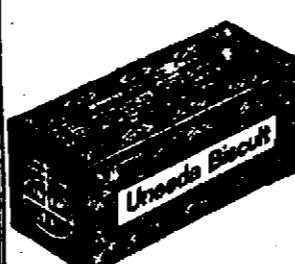
April 19—Whist party. Worthy overseer in charge.

May 12—Veterans' night, in charge of Mrs. Annie D. Boudinot, assisted by Mrs. Lucilla M. Davis and Fannie Hovey. Open meeting during lecture hour.

June 21—Children's night, in charge of

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house, St. Louis, Mo. or to the chairman of the Porto Rican Civil Service Commission, San Juan, P. R. No application will be accepted unless properly executed, excluding the medical certificate, and filed with the commission at Washington, with the material required, prior to the hour of closing business on January 26, 1915. The exact title of the examination as given at the head of this announcement should be stated in the application form.

Sanitary Engineer

Sanitary engineer, for men only. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the public health service for duty in the field, at a salary of \$3500 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

The duties of this position will be to make studies of public health matters involving engineering problems, to advise in respect to purification of water supplies, sewage disposal, rat-proofing construction and drainage, and to prepare plans and specifications for such projects.

Graduation from a college or university of recognized standing, such instruction to have included full courses in sanitary engineering, and at least four years' subsequent laboratory and field experience in sanitary engineering, including experience in antimalarial work, are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

Statements as to education and experience are accepted subject to verification.

Applicants must not have reached their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination.

This examination is open to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

Physician (Male)

The United States civil service commission announces an open competitive examination for physician, for men only, on February 3, 1915. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the Indian service at the Hayward school, Wisconsin, at \$1000 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

For the position at the Hayward school, Wisconsin, unmarried eligibles without dependents are desired.

Qualified men have an excellent opportunity for appointment to the Indian service as a result of this examination. The usual entrance salaries range from \$900 to \$1100 a year.

Applicants must be graduates of or senior students in recognized medical schools. The names of such senior students will not, however, be entered on the eligible register in the event they pass the examination until they have furnished proof of actual graduation.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first but not their fortieth birthday on the date of the examination.

Applicants must be in good health and must attach to their applications a statement showing the number in their family dependent upon them that will require accommodations at the Indian school or agency in case they receive appointment.

Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination an unmounted photograph of himself taken within two years.

An applicant who fails to present such photograph will not be admitted to the examination. Tin types will not be accepted.

This examination is open to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

FREED OF VAGRANCY CHARGE

Cormier, With Big Bank Roll, Was Seeking Brother in Salem—"Fresh Eggs" Sellers Fined

SALEM, Jan. 2.—In the district court yesterday, Judge Sears presiding, Joshua D. Cormier of Moncton, N. B., who had been in custody since Tuesday for alleged vagrancy, was discharged. When he was arrested checks aggregating \$304, a bankbook showing \$500 deposits, a Canadian \$1 bill and \$18 in American bills were found on him. He was detained. It was stated in court he ran when asked to stop on being seen coming out of a Derby square boarding house.

Cormier informed the police that he came to Salem in search of a brother, his mother having died recently in Canada, leaving a valuable farm to her four sons. The chief of police at Moncton, in a telegraph message, vouched for the truthfulness of Cormier's story.

Six local storekeepers were found guilty of selling cold storage eggs as "strictly fresh henney eggs" and each was fined \$16. Philip Cohen, convicted of assault on his wife, was sentenced to the house of correction for three months.

YOUR GOLD IS DANGEROUS BREAK IT UP—NOW

A cold is readily catching. A running system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucus, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25¢ at your druggist.

NASHUA MAN HURT

Fell While Ascending the Toboggan Slide, at the Vesper-Country Club Injuries Quite Severe

While tobogganning with his daughter at the Vesper-Country club late yesterday afternoon, John R. Spring, a Nashua, N. H., lawyer, fell on the ice and sustained a severe gash on his forehead and other injuries. Dr. McElroy of Boston, who was at the club, treated the wounds, one of which required several stitches.

Mr. Spring was walking from the bottom to the starting platform when he slipped and fell. He was unable to go to his home last evening.

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An Anniversary of the Great A. N. Cook & Co. Fur Sale

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

GOV. FLETCHER OF VERMONT NAMES P. W. CLEMENT, FRANK H. BROOKS AND MRS. WINSLOW

MONTPELIER, Vt., Jan. 2.—Governor Allen M. Fletcher sent word to the capitol yesterday that he had appointed as members of the state board of education Percival W. Clement of Rutland, Frank H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury, and Mrs. C. M. Winslow of Brandon.

Mrs. Winslow is the first woman to be appointed to this board.

It was announced that Mr. Clement accepted the appointment on the condition that if the legislature failed to agree with the recommendations of the committee that recently finished an investigation of the educational systems of the state, he might resign at will.

DR. JAS. S. SHAW DEAD

BROTHER OF DR. ANNA SHAW, HEAD OF SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Dr. James S. Shaw, well known in theatrical circles for many years and a brother of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, died yesterday. Dr. Shaw was examining physician for the Actors' Fund of America. He attended Sarah Bernhardt when she was stricken with pneumonia in this city 25 years ago and had cared for many other famous actors and actresses. He was born in Newcastle, England, 56 years ago.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

The list of December births, not previously reported, is as follows:

Dec.

22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Octave Gagnon, of 84 Burnside street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. Goncalves, of 3 Union street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scanlon, of 21 Pearl street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Saras, of 267 Worthen street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. Dummer, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albert, of 81 Austin street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael, of 3 Bay State court, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bean, of 267 Main street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Paquin, of 751 Lakeview avenue, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Murphy, of 250 Suffolk street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus Kaney, of 122 Lakeview avenue, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Woods, of 41 Adams street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ellis, of 240 Hildreth street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Paraskevopoulos, of 120 Lewis street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lecart, of 36 Oliver street, a son.

31.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Auger, of 55 Adams street, a son.

WILL WALSH RUN AGAIN?

GOVERNOR EXPECTED TO STATE HIS POSITION ON THIRD TERM AT DINNER IN BOSTON TODAY

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—It is expected that Governor Walsh will declare his position on a third term at the dinner of the democratic state committee to be held at the Quincy House today.

The governor is to be the principal speaker at the meeting, which will elect the officers of the organization for 1915. While Governor Walsh has told personal friends that he does not propose to be a candidate for a third term, he has not made anything in the nature of a definite statement to the democratic organization.

The plans of the party for the next year will be discussed and Chairman O'Leary is anxious to impress upon the members the necessity of recognizing all elements in the party in the makeup of the state ticket for next year.

While there has been some desultory talk of a candidate being put in the field against Chairman O'Leary, it is doubtful if there will be any fight on the chairmanship at today's meeting.

Chairman O'Leary is not a candidate for re-election. He has stated, however, that he is willing to remain at the head of the organization for another year if his services are desired.

Among the guests will be Lieutenant-Governor Barry, who is a possible candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in the event of the retirement of Governor Walsh.

The meeting promises to be an interesting one, since it is expected that Chairman O'Leary will also take up the question of the deficit, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5000. There is a strong sentiment among some of the members of the organization for Governor Walsh for third term, and it is the opinion of many of the leaders that he should take a definite stand in order that plans may be made for the state campaign this year.

PARALYSIS

SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

PREDICT BIG BUSINESS

Real Estate Men and Contractors Optimistic and Look for Boom—Building Notes

Greatly increased activity is anticipated in the real estate and building activity in the spring. The men engaged in these fields are preparing for big business. Many people in the cities and towns near Boston are buying land and the real estate men in those localities are making very many good sales. The local real estate dealers are aware of this and say that the outlook is highly favorable. The general impression undoubtedly is that the coming of spring will be accompanied by a decided boom in the real estate and building activity.

Six New Houses
The six new two-tenement houses at the corner of Middlesex and Stevens streets are now completed and are a most attractive array of up-to-date residences. These were erected by Mr. Vital Robert, a well known local contractor, for Mrs. A. P. Demers, a native of Lowell who resided for an extended period in Paris. Mr. Demers is planning to have erected other houses in the Highland district. His contribution to a building boom in this vicinity is a notable one.

Mr. Robert is now engaged in remodeling the property of Dr. T. L. Ladd at the corner of Middlesex and Wilder streets. This property is known as the Glidden estate.

Builds Two Apartment Houses
Israel Greenberg, a large property owner of this city, will soon add two more apartment houses to his list of local holdings. The new houses will be constructed in Chelmsford street, their locations being 183-190, and 192-

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house on the lot. The sale was made to a local man for an out-of-town owner.

The sale of a modern nine-room, one-family dwelling situated near the corner of Parker and Stevens streets. The house is heated with steam and is equipped with bath, electricity, hardwood floors and slanted roof. The sale was made for a local professional man and the purchaser will occupy the house within the next month. Names will be reported later.

The sale of an excellent building lot in the Tyler Park section of the city. The lot contains about 5500 feet of land with a frontage of 65 feet. The purchaser will erect a modern house upon the lot. Names will be given when the deed is placed on record.

A COLONIAL ROOM

To have at least one bedroom with antique furniture is the desire of most house mistresses, but too often its good effect is marred by a lack of attention to the room itself. The figured wall paper was the rule in houses of any pretensions, but not every figured paper is suitable and it must be remembered that whether correct or not certain furnishings cannot be used with a wall of decided pattern.

For a room of fair size and well lighted the foliage papers are extremely good, and those with a comparatively small pattern and rather set effect carry out the old fashioned idea better than those of more modern type. Another admirable paper for a room of this type is one which reappears year after year, a Japanese looking design of pine tree branches in blue on a white ground. It can also be had in green but that coloring is far less pleasing. Still another sort of paper for the old fashioned room has a white ground with big branches of flowers realistically treated the design surrounded by a suggestion of shadow produced by the use of tiny black dots. Occasionally one finds a paper scattered over with tiny landscapes enclosed in some sort of scroll work and these papers are excellent for this purpose although some of them are rather colorless.

With these strongly patterned walls, curtains and bed hangings should be of dimity or some sort of striped muslin. For draping the four poster nothing is so good as dimity, with an edging of narrow cotton fringe or gimp, and the sill length window curtains should match.

It is quite possible to have an old fashioned room without any upholstery, using rush sealed chairs and dispensing with anything in the shape of a couch or easy chair, thus avoiding the conflict of two patterns, one on the walls, another on the furniture. A compromise is possible by covering chairs and couch with a striped material, white with the general tone of the walls, or else using one of the French cotton fabrics, jasper or armure, which are specifically intended for wall coverings. Indeed it is a pity to forego the air of elegance given by the high backed, winged chair, standing by the fireplace.

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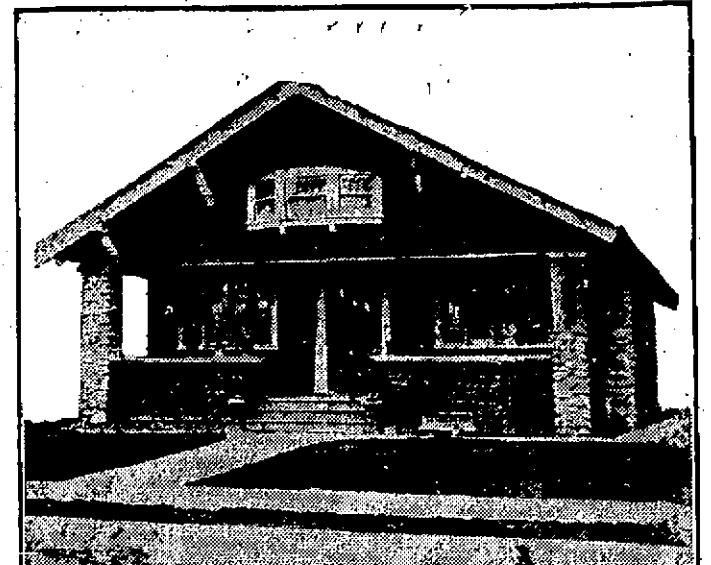
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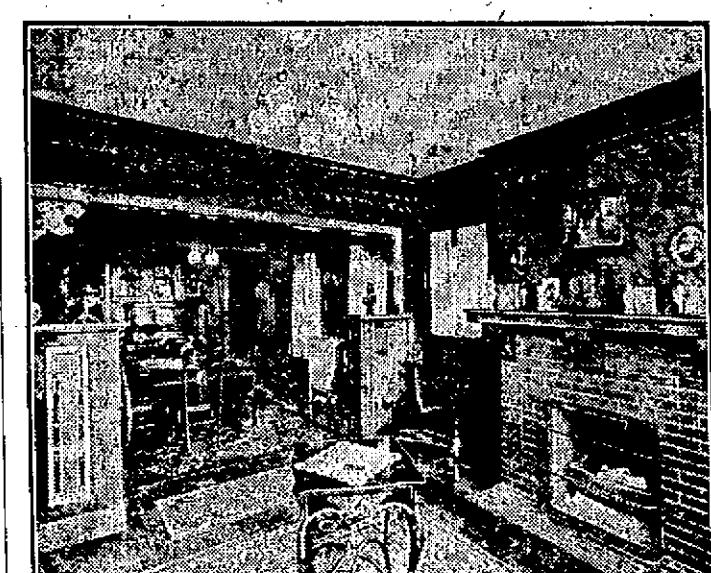
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50 feet on the street. The purchaser

will erect a modern two-apartment

VIEW OF BUNGALOW LIVING ROOM

PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—LIVING ROOM

The interior shows a fireside view of an artistic living room in a bungalow. Brick is used for facing of the fireplace, with heavy molded mantel shelf above. Size, 25 feet by 33 feet. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$2300.

Concerned. Next month, if you want early results from either vegetables or flowers, you will have to begin the work of starting plants. Before you do this you must, however, get your seed. And before you can order your seeds intelligently, and to accomplish just what you would like to accomplish for the following summer's gardening, you must have a definite knowledge of where each thing is going and of just the types and varieties you want. And before you can know these things accurately you must have thought out carefully a plan for the position, the amounts and the varieties of all the vegetables and flowers you expect to grow. That means work—diligent, painstaking work, without the exhilaration of spring smells and swelling buds around you. In making your plans for this summer's work, if you have had a few seasons of garden experience of your own, you will be able to judge from that to a large extent just what to put in and what to leave out. If you have kept any kind of a record or diary of your various garden operations to show dates of planting and harvesting, height and time of blooms of flowers, varieties that you have found especially attractive, and so forth, you will find this of the greatest use in planning your work ahead. In fact, without some such accurate basis to go by, it will be impossible for you to make your plans with any definite assurance that you have got things just right. In case you have neither several years' experience nor a season's personal record of this kind to guide you, by all means secure at least one good book on flower-garden making and another on vegetables. No matter how many magazines you may be taking, you will find a book well worth while. Naturally the magazines have to follow more or less closely the work of the month. But to plan your work ahead for the season you need information about the whole year's work ready for immediate reference. It is a good plan also to secure a generous supply of catalogues, as very many of them contain useful information put in a way that will be of material help to you.

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buys a good cottage with barn, shed, country house, fruit trees, some land and one acre of land. Price \$2500. This place is about three minutes' walk from the Westford street car line.

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lowing it to remain about thirty minutes. Then rub briskly with a good scrubbing brush. When on trial it shows that the compound has done its work, clean it off with luke warm water by using a large sponge and rinse, if possible, with a hose, otherwise with the sponge and a liberal supply of cold water. If after drying the terra cotta appears dull, it may be revived by rubbing it over with a cloth saturated with kerosene oil, which will give it somewhat of a "sheen."

FRESH AIR

Never allow the air in your living rooms to become stale or foul. If the weather is too cold to have a window or two open a little, all the time, a good plan is to open up the house several times a

ANNEXATION SCHEME
Continued

on a district which is not so very much better, although he thinks it might be assessed for \$1,000,000.

The improvements which he enumerates might come gradually, although he must remember that Dracut streets are not, as he alleges, mere mud paths, nor is the Navy Yard without its water system with mains laid, while its schools, except for high school purposes, are adequate to all present demands. The water service, fire and police protection, would have to be provided as soon as possible. Yet, if it were policed as the present department protects outer Centralville and the Oaklands, the expense should not be more than one-third what Alderman Carmichael says it would be.

Similarly every other movement for the progress of the city was stubbornly opposed and particularly some of the annexation schemes. Yet one after another the latter were carried by those who believed that in annexation lies one of the paths to municipal progress, one of the necessary steps in building up Greater Lowell.

Would Still Be a Town

It would be too much to expect that the present movement for annexation would escape opposition although it is a more acceptable proposition than many of those by which new territory was acquired in the past.

Had Lowell been guided by the defenders of existing conditions in the past, by those who opposed every progressive step as Commissioners Carmichael now scorns annexation, she would still have town government with a pump and a watering trough at Merrimack square and much of the territory now covered by busy factories and prosperous homes still devoted to farming and cow pastures while, perhaps, nine-tenths of the 111,000 people who make up our population, would be distributed among other progressive municipalities.

The people of Lowell have had a taste of the do-nothing policy at city hall during the present year and it has neither helped the citizens nor lowered the tax rate.

The Financial Problem

At the outset we might calm the commissioner's fears by asserting that the portion of Dracut referred to might be annexed to Lowell without increasing the tax rate, and further that it could be made a source of increased revenue and the means of reducing the tax rate for the entire city if the scheme were properly handled in the interest of all concerned.

Commissioner Carmichael flings out a lot of figures based upon mere assumption and apparently upon the position that just as soon as we annex this territory we should have to commence to build new streets, new schoolhouses, new firehouses, lay new water mains, and in a word, to extend to every part of the district far more advantages than are enjoyed by many parts of our city.

"You Haint Ben Doin' It"

If it is the commissioner's impression that such a great expenditure would be imperative right after the annexation, we might say to him in the words of the comedian, based on our past policy, "You haint ben doin' it, Colonel."

The people of Wiggsville can bear witness that we have not adopted any such policy in their case. The present assessed valuation of Wiggsville is \$65,400 and the number of polls 339. In round numbers the amount of taxes collected from Wiggsville in eight years was about \$17,500 per annum or \$140,000 altogether. That is undoubtedly more than has been expended upon the district. It is true that on account of the natural difficulties to be overcome the proposed sewer was not completed, but that or some other system of sewage disposal must be provided in the not distant future.

Extravagant Figures

The Colonel lets go a lot of figures with reckless abandon in giving his idea of what it would cost us to make the Navy Yard and the Kenwood districts a part of Lowell. Over \$350,000, says the commissioner, would be required, we are led to believe, immediately, and \$30,000 annually for maintenance. For these extravagant figures there is no justification either in actual necessity or in precedent. In the eight years we have had charge of Wiggsville how much money has been spent? So far as we can ascertain from the several municipal departments the total expenditures for Wiggsville have not netted \$140,000 in eight years and yet Commissioner Carmichael would spend immediately nearly three times that amount.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

BY VIRGINIA VALE

FOR THE LITTLE READERS OF THE SUN

THE RUNAWAY DOG

Once upon a time a small pug dog ran into a barn where a big gray cat lay fast asleep. "Please," he said, "can I lay down beside you for I have lost my way and I am tired and hungry."

"Yes," said the cat. "But if you are cross I will scratch you with my sharp claws, and you must do just as I tell you to do."

The dog promised to do as the cat asked him and he lay down and went to sleep after he had shared the cat's dish of milk. He soon grew tired of doing just as the cat said and one morning decided to run away, and seek his fortune in another city.

He crept out and ran as fast as he could toward the road and was running along quite happy and glad when all at once a stone came flying out from a yard and nearly hit him. Faster and faster he ran but every little while a stone would hit him and make him jump until at last one bigger than all of the others hit him on his leg and when he tried to run he found that he couldn't.

He crept into some bushes and when the cruel boy ran past he didn't see him but ran on and the dog knew that he was safe.

Oh, how his leg hurt and he was so thirsty that he tried to get out to the sidewalk again. A little girl saw him and ran toward him but he tried to get away as he was afraid of everyone now and he wished for his friend the cat.

"You poor little dog," cried the girl. "Someone has hurt your foot," and she took him up in her arms, telling him not to be afraid that she wouldn't let anyone hurt him.

When she reached home her brother bound up the dog's foot and put him in a basket to get rested, and as he looked the dog over to see if he had any more sore spots he suddenly said: "Sis, this is the little dog that lives with Mrs. Ray's cat in her barn. Don't you remember we saw them asleep beside each other the other day?"

"Why so it is, I will take him home," she answered, and so the little girl carried the runaway dog back and laid him beside his old friend the cat.

Pussy opened her eyes and saw the dog beside her and she reached out her nose and rubbed it against the dog's face as much as to say: "I am glad you are back for I have missed you." When their supper was brought Pussy wouldn't eat a bit of it but gave it all to the dog for she knew he was hungry and she was sorry for him. After that the little dog never tried to run away, and the cat was not as cross or hossy to him and they lived together a great many years very happily.

chief line of progress by which great cities have been built up. He seems to forget that a city cannot remain stationary. In these days of busy enterprise, if it does not move forward, it is involuntarily carried backward. There is no alternative.

Record of Annexation

The record of our city's growth is one of annexation, and so we hold it must be in the future until we have annexed all the surrounding towns to form a greater Lowell. Therefore go on annexing. Take in the whole of Dracut if you deem it advisable, and then take North Chelmsford and North Billerica.

The town of Lowell was evolved from Chelmsford and on March 29, 1834, annexed a part of Tewksbury. In 1834, 1838 and 1906, other portions of the town of Tewksbury were annexed while in 1851, 1874 and 1879 parts of Dracut were annexed.

In 1856, the year of incorporation

as a city, the population of Lowell was 17,633. In 1851 it was about 33,400,

in 1876 and year after additions were made by annexation it was 49,888

and so up to 1906 our city

received very important accession

from the annexation of rather limited

districts from Tewksbury and Dracut.

One of the latter was Centralville,

which we think the colonial

whole but for less than half of Dracut.

If the Dracut annex were merged with the other beats the additional cost

should not be more than \$2000 per annum at most.

It appears, therefore, that the commissioners' figures in this matter are

excessive and yet they are not so far

out of the way as on some of his other

estimates. If his totals were reduced

by 50 per cent, they would be more

likely to represent the actual amount

that the city would spend if the territory in question were annexed.

How to Finance the Enterprise

If in case of annexation, our city

were obliged to undertake in a single

year all or even half the expenditures

mentioned by Commissioner Carmichael there would be enough doing in Dracut to attract attention far beyond our city limits and to benefit our people accordingly. But Dracut would be satisfied to get these improvements gradually and there should not be any such delay on the question of sewerage, as in the Wiggsville case, on account of difficulties that call for large expenditure.

But assuming that there would be considerable expense in making improvements in the land annexed, here is how it could be taken care of without adding much to the tax rate.

Suppose the city of Lowell in voting to annex a portion of Dracut gets permission from the legislature to borrow a reasonable amount outside the debt limit for needed improvements, then the debt could be distributed over a number of years so that by the time it is wiped out, the revenues of the district would be sufficient to meet the total expenditure.

Thereafter the city would receive in perpetuity the income from taxation on the Dracut annex which on account of its proximity to the business centre of Lowell would have a very rapid increase in value as a part of our city.

Navy Yard Easily Developed

The Navy Yard is no farther from Merrimack square than is Walker street or the Pawtucket bridge.

The demand at present is for homes near the business centre and to meet this

necessity the city has extended iniles

outward along Westford, Middlesex,

Chelmsford and Gorham streets and

similarly into Pawtucketville. For this

reason we predict that if the Navy

Yard were annexed the greater part

of its vacant land would be developed

and built upon in a few years.

The people who live there now are

to a great extent employed in Lowell

and may be regarded as a part of our

population. With city privileges ex-

tended to Dracut a great many of

our mill operatives and mechanics

could establish homes there at a mod-

erate cost and have land enough to

allow them to do a little profitable

farm gardening.

Is there not here an opportunity to

develop a peaceful district and thus

aid our city as well as the territory annexed?

Forward or Backward, Which?

It is to the general policy laid down

by Commissioner Carmichael that we

are opposed rather than to any of his

details or the estimates with which he

endeavors to defeat the movement. He

is opposed to expansion and to the

territory in question.

Merit of the Proposition

From what we have said we believe

that it must be apparent that this

annexation proposition has more than

sufficient merit to commend it to the

city for adoption at the earliest pos-

sible moment. The officials of

the city who oppose it will be simply

casting themselves like stumbling blocks

along the city's path to progress in a

full-fledged effort to stay her onward

efforts vain.

The Lowell members of the legisla-

tive body who believe in progress should

line up in favor of the proposition

and of its enactment this spring to

be submitted to the people at the

state election. With the bill should

be a petition for permission to bor-

row whatever amount may be con-

sidered necessary to make some im-

mediate improvements in the line of

supplying water service, fire and

police protection as we have already

suggested.

As to Borrowing for Improvements

It is true that this policy is con-

trary to Commissioner Carmichael's

ideas of borrowing for municipal pur-

poses.

We do not believe that his pro-

posed scheme to reduce the tax rate

is feasible as it would necessitate a

do-nothing policy that would bring

no benefit to our people to more

way.

It is very often wise policy to bor-

row for necessary improvements and

even to borrow in large amounts.

Municipal economy does not mean

that we shall spend little and bor-

row less. It means simply that

whatever we spend or whatever we

borrow there shall be no waste of

public money and that every ex-

penditure shall bring satisfactory re-

turns in lasting results.

Progressive Cities Borrow Heavily

There has always been a consider-

able number of people to oppose

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CHILDREN SEE MOTHER MURDERED AT HUDSON

HUDSON, Me., Jan. 2.—Angered by the refusal of his former house-keeper, Mrs. George Whitmore, to repay a loan of \$200 which he had made her many years ago, Charles H. Hamm, a wealthy retired farmer, a Civil war veteran, shot her down yesterday as she stood in the sitting room of her home, surrounded by her children.

The crime, which was one of the most cold-blooded in this section of Maine, followed many controversies between the 75-year-old veteran and Mrs. Whitmore. Yesterday morning he called at her home quite early and requested her to return with him to his own place, about two miles away, and do some housework. Mrs. Whitmore refused and Hamm, muttering and mumbling to himself, left her alone.

Two hours later Hamm again appeared at the Whitmore home and this time he demanded that Mrs.

Whitmore accompany him. Another refusal aroused him beyond his control and he began to demand repayment of his loan.

"I must have the money today!" Hamm shouted.

Mrs. Whitmore fled into her sitting room, closely pursued by the aged veteran, and when she turned at bay, surrounded by several of her children, Hamm whipped a revolver from his pocket. Once more he demanded the money. Before Mrs. Whitmore had a chance to reply he raised his weapon and pulled the trigger.

The mother fell, crumpled mass, in the midst of her family.

Then, leaving the terrified children, Hamm walked from the place and to the house of the local constable, where he surrendered himself. He confessed to the crime and submitted calmly to his transfer to the jail in Bangor in the custody of Sheriff C. H. White.

Mrs. Whitmore, who was 33 years old, besides her children, leaves a husband.

IMBEDDED IN ICE 'PICTURE BRIDES'

TORSO OF HUMAN BODY WAS DISCOVERED NEAR CONEY ISLAND

Scores Will Cross the Pacific From Japan During 1915

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The scores of "picture brides" who will cross the Pacific from Japan during 1915 to embark on matrimonial seas with the husbands they never have seen will, on reaching Angel island immigration station place their affairs in the hands of Dr. B. C. Haworth, whose appointment as secretary to the Japanese association of America was announced today.

Before leaving Japan a register marriage is performed by the government. This consists of transferring the bride's name to the register containing that of the bridegroom. She then is supplied with photograph of her husband and after a physical examination is given a passport.

In the meantime the husband in America has received a photograph of his approaching bride and is informed of the date of her arrival.

Dr. Haworth in his new capacity will see that the exchange of photographs is made correctly and that each man gets his own wife. The bridegroom is obliged to show a certificate issued by the Japanese consulate to him that he financially is able to support a wife.

These formalities disposed of, an American ceremony is performed.

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INAUGURATED AT NASHUA

MAYOR JAS. B. CROWLEY FIRST CITY EXECUTIVE UNDER NON-PARTISAN CHARTER

NASHUA, N. H., Jan. 2.—The first city government under a nonpartisan charter was inaugurated yesterday before a large audience.

Clerk Arthur L. Cyr read the proclamation and Rev. Matthew Creamer of St. Patrick's church offered prayer. The retiring mayor, William H. Barry, administered the oath to Mayor James B. Crowley, who administered it in turn to the other officials.

George H. Alley was elected president of the aldermen. The slate agreed upon at the caucus last evening was elected as follows: Arthur L. Cyr, overseer of the poor and city clerk; Samuel Dearborn, tax collector and treasurer; Harry F. Greeley, city solicitor; Patrick J. Mulvanity, city physician; Charles E. Congdon and John P. Sullivan, board of health; Cyrille V. Brodeur, trustee of the sinking fund; Alderman Horace W. Lawson, on the vote for city clerk, declared he was not bound by the caucus and voted for Harry H. Lyons; also for Stephen L. Hallinan, for solicitor and John J. Lytle, for the board of health. All the other officers were elected unanimously.

Inspectors of checklists organized with George Bresnahan chairman and Charles Wilcox clerk.

The board of public works yesterday afternoon elected George P. Winn city engineer and Ovid L. Winslow superintendent of streets.

Mr. Winn has been engineer for three years and Mr. Winslow was superintendent several years ago.

Mayor Crowley late yesterday afternoon announced that he has re-appointed Napoleon Laplante city messenger.

The board of education organized last night with Frank P. Ridout president, and Albert J. McLean clerk. President Ridout named Walter C. French, Albert J. McLean and Jason E. Tolles finance committee.

THE GREEK MISSION

Miss Penelope Panagioti, a prominent young woman of this city, has been engaged as an assistant to Rev. Dr. Fanos Gintzer for missionary work in this city and other parts of New England. The new assistant has been a resident of the Lowell Guild the past two years, during which time she has been connected with the Lowell Guild. She is a native of Athens and is highly educated. She speaks both English and Greek and her work will be mostly among the women of her nationality.

FIRE IN BOWLING ALLEYS

Fire beneath the flooring in Boyd's bowling alleys, corner of Central and Middle Streets, caused out the members of the Protective at 11:10 o'clock last evening. The blaze was quickly extinguished and little damage resulted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Wool production in the United States in 1914 was 293,192,000 pounds, according to estimates today by the bureau of crop estimates of the department of agriculture. This is about 6,000,000 pounds less than that of 1913 as estimated by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers.

The estimate of wool production is the first ever made by the department of agriculture. The estimated production for 1914 as compared with 1913 is given by states for the entire country.

Montana ranked first in production of raw wool in 1914 with an output of 30,125,000 pounds; Wyoming second with 23,476,000 pounds and New Mexico third with 19,745,000 pounds.

ALLEGED SWINDLE OF \$18,000 WITH OVER 4000 VICTIMS

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Four foreigners who are alleged by the government to have carried on a gigantic swindle amounting in the aggregate to \$18,000, with nearly 4000 victims in various parts of the country, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal James G. Ruhl and Postoffice Inspector W. E. Hinney, charged with using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud.

The alleged fraud is claimed by the government to have been in connection with inducements offered to persons to become salesmen for cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and to make deposits for outlets.

All four of the defendants reside in Revere. Their names and the addresses under which it is alleged they have been doing business are as follows: Bedros M. Tomajian, the Amber Tobacco company, at 7 Water street; Louis S. Harpoontian, the Royal Cigar company, at 110 State street; Carnig S. Harpoontian, representing the Regle Tobacco company of 45 Bromfield street, formerly of 262 Washington street, and Meran M. Tomajian, representing the Eastern Tobacco company of 14 Federal street.

The government officials assert that C. S. Harpoontian is under a suspended sentence in connection with a bankruptcy case in the United States district court at New York.

When arrested the four men were taken to the Federal building, where they were locked up in the cage to await the action of the United States commissioner. No sooner had the men been landed behind the bars than they asked permission to telephone their prospective bondsmen and attorneys, and soon their friends and legal advisers began to arrive and pave the way for their release after their arraignment.

The four men were served with individual complaints, the allegations of the government being the same in each—using the United States mail in a scheme to defraud.

They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hayes later in the afternoon, when C. S. Harpoontian was held in the sum of \$3000 and the three other defendants at the sum of \$500 each. All furnished sureties.

"In East Prussia and in the region of Mawa, northern Russian Poland, we have defeated attempts by the Germans to deliver a partial offensive.

"On the Vistula opposite Wyszegrod our armed steamers cannonaded the infantry of the enemy with success.

"Between the Vistula and the lower Plock, the Germans have begun a series of attacks, supported by the fire of their heavy artillery. Our troops in action on the left bank of the Bzura river near Vlkopolis repulsed two night attacks. On the Rawa river we repulsed an attack directed against Dolots.

"On Dec. 31 the enemy manifested activity which was particularly intense in the region of the town of Rawka, where the fighting still continues.

"South of the Plock the action has spread out and the positions cut off the routes from Vloskow to Kielce.

"In Galicia we made energetic attacks on the enemy in the region of Gorlice (southwest of Jaslo) near Mszanka and Ropitz, where despite the extremely fierce resistance which the enemy offered we destroyed after a hard fight, their fortifications established on the heights.

"In the village of Mszanka we captured 3000 prisoners, including 65 officers, four cannon and six mitrailleuses. The fighting in this region still continues. Furious counter attacks which the enemy made supported by armored automobiles were repulsed by our artillery fire and bayonet charges.

"In Bukowina we occupied Stozow and Radatz. We also took some prisoners."

"INACTIVITY OF GERMANS NEAR WARSAW WHILE THEY FORIFY TERRITORY

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The inactivity of the Germans in the neighborhood of Warsaw for some days past is explained, according to reports reaching here by the claim that they have employed this time in fortifying the territory already taken up to the Bzura river and along the left bank of the lower and middle Vistula river.

According to reliable information reaching here, Lutk, Lowicz, Skierewice and Plotkow are now as strongly fortified as Kalsz and Czestochowa. The Germans have attempted to make this territory as difficult to invade as German soil.

Residents of West Poland who are now reaching Petrograd state that hundreds of factories have been blown up by the Germans and that all available building material, especially bricks and metal, have been used in the construction of the new fortifications. Recent German attacks between Skierewice and Warsaw have their base at Lowicz and Plotkow, which are said to be equipped with railroads, telegraphs and all the necessary accessories of war.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S EUROPEAN WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FORM

Six hundred lives were lost when British battleship "Formidable" was sunk in English channel by German submarine.

Washington officials express belief England will grant relief to American shipper.

French claim further advances in Alsace.

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ANNEXATION SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT LOWELL

Reply to Ald. Carmichael's Speech Against Annexing Part of Dracut—City's Path to Progress

In the annexation of the Dracut most horrible consequences of any departure from the old stereotyped conditions. The commissioner may recall in this connection the great opposition that beset the movement to establish the present municipal water department of which he is the head and which he doubtless believes to be quite as important as any of our other city departments. Again, when it was proposed to build a new city hall there was a howl of opposition over what it would do to the tax rate, yet the city hall was built and even it did add a little to the tax rate, everybody was satisfied that the city got its money's worth. There was vigorous opposition also when it was proposed to start a street railway here and again when progressive men came forward to give Lowell practically the first electric railway in the country. The howl went up that it would throw a great many men out of work, but on the contrary it has already given employment to ten times as many men as before and at a rate of wages more than twice that formerly paid.

At a recent meeting of the municipal council, Commissioner Carmichael sprang something in the nature of a surprise when he came out in quite a vigorous speech in opposition to the movement for the annexation of the district in question.

We have no doubt that the commissioner is entirely sincere in his statements, but we cannot agree with him when he condemns the movement as one that threatens the city with increased burdens, unnecessary responsibilities and particularly with a higher tax rate.

We have at the present time the highest tax rate in our history and while we do not agree with Commissioner Carmichael that the annexation of Dracut would bring about an increase in the tax rate, we submit that worse even than a higher tax rate would be the business stagnation resulting from any such unprogressive and anti-expansive policy as that which the commissioner lays down as an economic remedy.

Opposing Municipal Progress

It is to be regretted that any of our commissioners should oppose a step so clearly in the line of municipal progress. Unconsciously, no doubt, the alderman lines up with the element that is always ready to fight for the statu quo and to conjure up the

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SUPT. RED WELCH

Gives Hints to House-keepers to Guard Against Thieves

Supt. Welch, of the police department, has prepared a number of hints to householders advising them to protect their homes against thieves and burglars. He says:

In view of the methods adopted by daylight, thieves and known as key workers, I would request folks who may have occasion to leave their homes in the afternoon, to leave their windows and doors thoroughly secure, and I would particularly request the neighbors of such folks, who may be sitting in their side windows or front windows, sewing, reading or otherwise, to closely observe the chaps who may be seen at the front door of their neighbor's house, ringing the bell and not receiving a response, calmly go around to the side or rear door. The afternoon thief, upon failure to receive a response from the side door takes it for granted and knows at once that nobody is within. I would most respectfully ask such neighbors to immediately call us by phone and give us of any suspicious circumstances. An officer will hurry to your call at once and investigate. It will do no harm and it may be beneficial. Our telephone number is 4123 or 4124.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—After a year of experimentation two of the afternoon papers published here advanced their price today from one to two cents a copy. Their managers state that while war news has increased circulation, business conditions have not permitted an advance in the advertising rates, and as the price of white paper has gone up this increase has been a loss instead of a gain.

WAR HURTS NEWSPAPERS

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CENTRAL STREET

WARSHIP SURVIVORS TELL OF SEA TRAGEDY

Survivors of British Battleship Formidable Say Explosion Was Terrific

BRINCHAM, Devon, Jan. 2.—Survivors of the British battleship Formidable, which went down in the English channel yesterday after having struck a mine or been torpedoed by a German submarine, have been brought ashore.

They relate that the warship was struck astern the magazine. The explosion was terrific and the magazine was not reached. Had this also blown up the ship would have foundered without there being time to save anybody.

As the water rushed in the men on

the Formidable hurried to the deck. They found that the vessel already had a heavy list to starboard. The small boats were sent out. A cutter foundered and the men in her were drowned. A launch and a pinnace succeeded in getting away. Almost all the oars were broken in trying to prevent the small boats from being dashed to pieces against the side of the ship by the tremendous seas. Captain Loxley and his signalman were still on the bridge when the battle ship keeled over and disappeared beneath the waves.

CLOSING EXERCISES HELD AT CITY HALL

The municipal council held a special meeting this forenoon and adjourned until Monday forenoon at 10 o'clock when the inaugural exercises will take place. Today's meeting was held, very evidently, for the purpose of allowing the retiring members to say their farewells.

I have lived up to my oath of office and have been honest in all my dealings, and I feel that that is true of each and every member of this board. To the municipal council for 1915 I extend the heartiest of wishes for its success. I hope that its members will be blessed with health and prosperity and that at the end of the year they will have established an enviable record for honest, economical and efficient administration of the city's affairs.

Commissioner Donnelly

I want to voice my appreciation of the treatment accorded me by the mayor and other members of the municipal council, and the press, that we have all given the people good service. I have lived

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Mayor Murphy's Remarks

Mayor Murphy said: "It has given me great pleasure to preside over meetings of this council and to touch elbows with men who are working for a common purpose. I want to thank the members of this council for their hearty co-operation. We

have all been actuated with the desire to serve the people to the best of our ability and ours has been a working board, and a conscientious board. With the unity and harmony existing it has been a great pleasure to attend and preside at the meetings. To the retiring members of the board I can but say that they are

leaving behind a record for faithful attention to duty. They have worked at all times for the best interest of the city and the result of the year's work is shown in the stability of each and every department."

Commissioner Brown

I sincerely hope that the best of fortune will exist throughout the year; that you will use your best endeavors for the betterment of Lowell and that your efforts will be crowned with success.

My defeat I have taken as cheerful, I think, as defeat was ever taken by any man in political life, but there are a few things I cannot overlook, and while I am ready to forgive and have forgiven, I feel that a grave injustice has been done me by those who sought to disgrace me as well as defeat me. Defeat is nothing, but unwarranted and undeserved disgrace is hard to bear.

He claimed certain parties circulated false stories about him while he was at St. John's hospital.

I am thankful for the courtesy and co-operation that I have received at the hands of my fellow members, and it is my wish that at the close of next year, the government of 1915 will have produced as good a record

as each and every department."

THE GEORGE HAWLEY WAS HELD AT FALMGUTH, ENGLAND, SINCE NOV. 20

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The American steamer George Hawley, held at Falmouth, England, since Nov. 20 by the British admiralty, was released today and permitted to proceed to Copenhagen, her original destination, according to cable advices received in this city.

GONE BACK TO ST. JOHN'S

George H. Brown, commissioner of finance, is at St. John's hospital where he says he will remain until his health is restored. The commissioner stated this forenoon that he would have gone back to the hospital yesterday but for the fact that a special meeting was to be held today. "I am not feeling at all well," he said. "I am going back to St. John's hospital I received excellent care there and had I remained longer I think I would be all right today. My doctor has advised me to stay at the hospital for at least two weeks."

FUNERALS

BOWMAN—The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Bowman took place this noon from the Middlesex street station upon the arrival of the 12:30 train from Boston. There were a large number of floral tributes. The bearers were Hon. Thomas J. English, Robert J. Crowley, James O'Sullivan and James Kerrigan, all of whom were in St. Patrick's cemetery. Mrs. James Kerrigan read the eulogy.

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NEWS OF THE ARMORY

What the Military Companies are Doing—Activities Planned Far in Advance

The activity of the second battalion of the Sixth regiment, stationed in this city and commanded by Maj. Colby T. Kittredge, is attracting widespread attention throughout the state. Col. Warren E. Sweetser is highly pleased with the military situation in Lowell and he feels that the election of a Lowell major has been one of the best things for the service and for the regiment since he took command. It was the commanding officer's personal wish that Major Kittredge be elected at the head of the Lowell battalion, and since that time things have been booming here.

Battalion Recruiting

Each battalion commander in the past has thought only of his own command, and has lived with the others in getting the pick of the recruits. The situation is now changed, for the recruiting of the entire battalion is in the hands of a staff officer, detailed for that purpose. Young men who desire to enter the service may apply at headquarters and they will be allowed to go into the company for which they have a preference, but an effort is made to equalize the enlistments, so that all the companies may have their complements of enlisted men, and no one company has a waiting list.

Battalion Nights

The recent battalion nights have had the effect of interesting a large number of young men in the National Guard. It is honorable for any young man to give his city and state one enlistment, learning the military game from beginning to end, and fitting himself for service under the Stars and Stripes if such an opportunity should ever arise. Every young man feels in his heart that if a crisis arises and he were needed, he would enlist in his country's service.

National Guard

That the people of Lowell are taking a greater interest in the National Guard which is now a part of the regular army under recent federal legislation is shown by the great crowds which have visited the armory on the occasion of the recent battalion nights. The members of the four local companies have been giving practical demonstrations of their military knowledge, and it has been a revelation to hundreds who never gave the matter much of a thought before.

Practical Training

In former days the military work was given mostly to the ceremonies, dress parades and the like. Today everything is along the line of field work. An organization is now judged by its field efficiency, that is, by the way it performs on maneuvers and in camp, and its ability to shoot. It is an honor, therefore, for any young man to belong to one of the local companies, for they have certainly contributed their share to the shooting record of the state. Companies C, G and K of the Sixth have always stood high in rifle qualification, while Co. M of the Ninth has one of the best records in the regiment.

Capt. Walter R. Jeycs is improving

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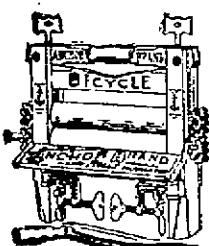
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most interesting of all the plays so far presented this season will be the offering the coming week in which the Merrimack Square Theatre Stock Co. will be seen. It is a play of today. Its title indicates that much, but it delves deeper than that. It portrays this same life, but it incidentally touches the question that the real stage upon which we all play our respective parts is largely what we make it. Life in all its hues and elements is portrayed—the sunshine and sorrow, the hopes and fears, the lights and shadows and not one of them but what has been with every living thing.

Two college students, one from the country, a pretty sister of the country colt who is struggling to make a living in the city and who unwisely falls in love with her brother's chum—a big hearted old fashioned father who tries to shield everyone's trouble, while hiding his own. These are just a few of the many fine characters found in this remarkable play. And the scenes and situations are just as good. Frances Shannon, the clever leading lady who has won so many friends during her short career, will be seen in a role which allows excellent opportunity in which to display her versatility. Sam A. McHarry is another who will share in the honors of the week are Eddie, the popular Chester, Dorothy, the Adile, Thea, Alfred, Ronald and Clifford Hastings, and H. D. Pickford has arranged an elaborate scenic production and incidently it might be mentioned, one which this clever stage director promises to be on par with any seen locally for many months.

Admission will be given matines and evenings the entire week at 2 and 8, and the coming Monday afternoon and evening an actual photograph of Mr. Sam A. McHarry will be distributed to every lady holding a reserved seat coupon.

Sales for all performances are now open. Subscription list open at the box office and the phone number is 2935.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

For the first time in motion picture history has a playhouse offered three high grade features at one showing. Yet this is what the Academy offers today. Daniel Frohman's company in "The Little Grey Lady" in four parts, is a story built around the national treasury and has many beautiful scenes of Washington and England. One play in the lesson is "Hunted Down" in three reels and has ideal out-of-door settings. It tells of a faithless lover's tracking down by a human bloodhound. "The Little Rebel" in two parts, features Gene Gauntier, and tells a stirring and dramatic story of the Civil War. The last feature is a silent film, "The Littlest Rebel," lately shown in Lowell. And the Academy shows single reels besides.

Tomorrow, Sunday, Mary Pickford in "Caprice," Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," and others.

The management of the Academy is taking pride in the appreciative response which Lowell people have accorded the efforts of this theatre to present only the best in photoplays.

THE ROYAL THEATRE

The New Year's sensation, "The Exploits of Elaine," the new serial written about Craig Kennedy, the famous detective, is the attraction of the evening.

The two silver cups given as prizes by the board of trade for Tuesday's events are very handsome and costly trophies, and the companies winning them will be very fortunate.

The telephone at the armory has been working overtime during the past week, people asking if ladies will be admitted Tuesday evening. It is understood that the event will be for men only but a ladies' night will be held sometime in February.

In order to purchase new music the Sixth Regiment band is organizing a dancing party, which will be held at the armory on the evening of January 14.

A special meeting of the officers of all companies at the armory tomorrow. Special drills by all companies will also be held.

Andrew Sackley has presented a large oil painting of the battle of Gettysburg to the local headquarters. It will be framed and placed in one of the corridors of the drill shed.

Battalion Sgt.-Major George Crowell has recovered from his recent accident in which he suffered a broken nose.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Can you picture David Warfield, Lillian Russell, Earle Caruso, George M. Cohan, Eva Tanguay, Robert Mantell, Irene Franklin, Fay Templeton and Bessie McCoy on one vaudeville program? You would say that it was a great show, and you would be right. But the salaries paid these celebrities prohibit their appearances collectively, so, in their anxiety to give to the patrons of the B. F. Keith theatre, the management have resorted to the next best thing, and have engaged for the feature attraction, next week, "The Lawns Party."

In this breezy little comedy, presented by H. Bart McHugh's Little Players, all of the above mentioned stars are introduced, but in imitation, and in each case the character presented by a juvenile. But, as you clearly see, these young folks, with their little imitations of the theatrogoers who were fortunate enough to see the stars will readily recognize the eccentricities of the celebrated artists as soon as they are presented by the youngsters.

"The Lawns Party," is in every sense a musical comedy. It carries a score from the stage to an audience at a friend's party, at which a brilliant entertainment of celebrated artists has been prevented because of poor train connections.

The little ones present agree to make use of some wardrobe left in possession of the sheriff by a stranded theatrical troupe. Incidentally, the sheriff, who is played by W. J. Dooley, makes use of his official position to create a continuous vein of comedy which runs through the entire playlet.

Not so many years ago the Four Huntings visited with the Four Comedies, and the Huntings, partly and like the others, the youth of the family finally decided to go it alone, therefore the Four Huntings are no more and in their place are Levy and Mollie Hunting, capable children of capable parents. The Huntings sing and dance in a comedy vein. They have been starred in many musical comedies.

The Great Howard is the most original ventriloquist before the public today. He is a Scotchman who will be remembered because of his almost unique act in the duplication and simulation of voices. His mimickings are remarkable mechanisms. The Great Howard, first to travel to the United States, his first tour being such a great success that he was invited to travel over practically the same territory again.

The Musical Ellisons, three in number, will present an elaborately dressed act known as "The Village Blacksmith," the story written by Longfellow. It is, of course, a musical act of the very best class, and it will make a special appeal to the public which likes music with well chosen atmosphere.

Burns and Acker have a comedy skit that runs along at a speedy rate. But the most popular act, the so-called "Matrimonial Bluff," one of the prettiest of singing and dancing turns. Dave Wellington is a comedy juggler, who will open the show, and the Hearst-Selig News Pictorial will close it well. Good seats for all performances may be obtained at the box office. Phone 28.

Tomorrow, afternoons and evenings special entertainments will be presented. At each one three hours of solid entertainment will be afforded.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE "Life," one of the strongest, best and

NEWEST PICTURE OF KING ALBERT, HEROIC RULER OF BRAVE BELGIANS



KING ALBERT

This is the latest picture of King Albert, the ruler without a country. Still fighting desperately at the head of his gallant, but war-worn army, this brave monarch of a devastated little kingdom is in the eyes of most Americans the one majestically heroic figure of the war. Facing overwhelming odds he and his men went down to bitter defeat, their homes ruined and their famous public buildings burned, their people scattered and their land turned into fields of carnage. Yet King Albert and his soldiers are fighting on and still retain a bare foothold on their home ground, hoping against hope to turn the German invaders out. The average American takes off his hat to King Albert.

THE SPELLBINDER

Said a friend to me a few days ago: "You've been criticizing the shortcomings of the municipal council quite freely during the year; why don't you start the new year by suggesting some New Year's resolutions for them to make?"

The New Year's resolution that the municipal council can make and keep, that would be most pleasing to the taxpayers of Lowell would be:

"Resolved that we, the municipal council of the city of Lowell, reduce the tax rate for 1915 at least \$1.00."

The amount to be reduced is specified because the municipal council without any doubt can bring down the tax rate if it will. The tax rate of 1914 is the highest in local history and the reason for it is the fact that at the beginning of the year the government appropriated a larger amount of money than was necessary to run the affairs of the city.

It is amusing to hear the members of the municipal council refer to the money left over in the various appropriations as money "saved." For instance Mayor Murphy is reported as having said that he will have \$700 left over out of his appropriation of \$33,000 for dependent mothers, but he had not been called upon to pay \$400 for state cases whatever they are, he would have saved \$11,000. Where does the saving come in?

At the beginning of the year he estimated, or somebody did, that a certain amount of money would be needed to care for dependent mothers. Subsequent events have shown that the amount estimated was too large by \$700 and hence the mayor's claim that he saved the money for which there was no cause for expenditure.

It would be just as sensible for Commissioner Morse to say that he has saved \$25,515.13 on the Gorham and Westford street paving jobs, the amount unspent out of the total appropriation for those streets, up to

this week. In the cases of the dependent mothers and paving appropriations out of which over \$30,000 is left that could not be used this year, we find one of the causes of the present high tax rate. The taxpayers had to pay the interest on that amount from the moment it was borrowed and yet the money is still idle as there has been no opportunity to spend it.

Every \$5927 borrowed by the city means an increase of 10 cents in the tax rate, and therefore, if this unnecessary money had not been borrowed the city would have had a tax rate nearly 40 cents less than it has. It will be recalled that the municipal council some time ago voted to borrow \$225,000 for a new filtration plant, but upon attempting to get that amount was informed by the Boston legal advisers that all it could get was \$30,000, and it accepted the \$30,000. City Council made the statement that \$30,000 was all that could be spent on work this year, anyway, so that had the municipal council been given the entire amount the taxpayers would have been paying interest on \$35,000, for which it had no use. The tax rate can be reduced \$1 per thousand by good judgment in making the appropriations for 1915.

Review of the Year

Mayor Murphy in his coming inaugural can easily review the year's work of the municipal government without interfering with the brevity of the document in the least. Here is the review:

No new construction
No new public improvements.
Highest tax rate in history.

The Public Market

This is to remind the municipal government that at the state election last November the citizens of Lowell voted to have a public market. Some

Make This Your New Year's Resolution

To Trade Where "Quality Counts With Lowest Prices."

DEPOT CASH MARKET

CUTS FROM CHOICE HEAVY WESTERN BEEF

Stirloin	25c lb.
Round Steak	20c lb.
Vein Steak	24c lb.
Chuck Roast	13c lb.

POTATOES, Peck

Full line of all Vegetables in proportion to this price.

FRESH KILLED FOWL, Lb.

ALL KINDS OF COOKIES, Sunshine Brand.

FRIEND'S BREAD AND "BERWICK" CAKE

SPECIAL SALE ON LIPTON'S TEAS THIS WEEK

30c Can Lipton's Tea, any blend.

We call attention to our attractive offer of fine quality Mixed Teas.

30c Can Wood's Coffee.

Our Blue Ribbon Coffee, whole, in 1 lb. cans, ground to order, 30c.

Nichols' Sunbeam Rolled Oats, 8 lbs, for 25c

Webster's Best Tomatoes, 9c can, 3 cans for 25c.

Full assortment of Heinz Pickles, and complete stock of Canned Goods that are guaranteed very low prices.

Phone 4448. Your telephone call will receive the same courteous attention as will your personal visit to our store. We trust we shall receive some of your 1915 business if you will notice the above prices.

DEPOT CASH MARKET

359 MIDDLESEX ST., COR. KING. One Block from Depot.

Auto Delivery Telephone 4448

WATCH FOR OUR ADVERTISEMENTS

years ago if I remember rightly they also voted to have a new public hall. The council has a fine opportunity to get away from its reputation as a "do nothing" administration taking up the public market matter and not let it go by default as did the public hall proposition.

The Record of Chelmsford

Major Murphy recently made a report of the street and sewer work done during the year, and as yet it has not been explained why the report was not made by the commissioner in charge of these departments, who naturally would be more familiar with such matters than His Honor. The report itself would indicate that whoever made it was not entirely fa-

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was postmaster in Middlesex Village for 17 years.

Mrs. Simpson was Miss Augusta Fox, daughter of the late Dr. L. S. Fox of this city. She was born in Dracut, July 9, 1883. The couple were married by the late Rev. B. F. Clark in North Chelmsford.

THE MOTH PEST NO BIG SCORES

Superintendent of Moth Extermination Files Annual Report

The annual report of the superintendent of moth extermination was submitted to the municipal council at a special meeting held this forenoon and was accepted and placed on file. The work of moth extermination for 1914 cost the city \$300. The report:

City Hall, Lowell, Dec. 31, 1914.

To the Commissioner of Public Property and Licenses and Members of the Municipal Council:

Gentlemen: During the past two months the work of this department has been carried out carefully, and with all possible efficiency, and I believe the results are now becoming very evident to all of our citizens; and I believe it fair to say that all of our trees and all shrubs and other vegetation affected by the moth are in better condition during the past year than at any time since the pest began.

All the work done by this department has been done in harmony with the state authorities and in the strictest conformity to all state laws and regulations. The department is always ready to receive any offer for courteous treatment, helpful suggestions and most kindly co-operation.

During the period from January until April, the gypsy moth egg clusters were treated with creosote, and the brown-tail moth webs, removed from private property, which came under the jurisdiction of this department, either by request of the owner, or through the department taking the initiative authorized by law. This work extended throughout the city but did not reach the woodlands lying on Varnum Avenue, extending from the Lyngate and Westover lines. The assessments for this work amounted to \$4500.00, an increase over last year of more than \$1200. Lead arsenate was sprayed throughout the city on all public property, and on private property where requested by owners.

For the first time in the history of the department, during the month of August, the shade trees of the city were sprayed for the purpose of exterminating the brown-tail moth, and the effect of this innovation was most gratifying. The assessments for spraying of private property were increased in the figure of \$1000.

With the very valuable and generous assistance of Mr. William Reddon, the chief clerk in the assessors office, the assessment books for the assessors and the city treasurer were made up during the month of July and the early part of August.

The department has carried on so far as possible, in its appropriation, the cutting of brush and the cleaning up of breeding places of the moths throughout the city.

Some private property owners rendered the department very great assistance, along this line, notably:

Massachusetts Runels, Burton H. Wiggin, David Dickson, and the executors of the A. C. Wheeler estate.

In the Oakland district an association of public spirited citizens, have co-operated with the department, in every manner possible throughout the entire year, and at their own expense have done much work to assist in the extermination of these pests:

the brown-tail moth, the gypsy moth and the elm tree beetle.

The department, in addition to its main work, has shown, under its example, what well be followed in other sections of the city; and it is a great encouragement to any one in the employ of the city, to come in contact with men of civic pride, anxious to do something for the welfare of the city, rather than regarding their efforts in useless criticism and complaining.

It might be proper to again state that this department is at the service of the public, and exists for the benefit of the city as a whole, and for the help and assistance of private property owners, in the work which property will place their problems before this department, in a spirit of fairness, all the work necessary for the protection of their trees and shrubs will be undertaken zealously and economically.

The department congratulates itself on finishing a year's work, which is necessarily of a most dangerous nature, with but one accident and happily that was not a serious one.

Early in the year following a conference between the head of this department, Mr. James J. McDonald, commissioner of water works and fire protection; the work of moth extermination on property, controlled by the water department of the city, was placed under the direction of this department, and as the result, for the first time in the history of the city, the total amount of money expended under the direction of this department (included therein, being the amount expended by the water department) reached the sum total of \$5000, thus bringing the city within the provisions of the state law, which towns and towns expending \$5000 in moth extermination, a rebate from the treasury of the commonwealth. The amount of this rebate to the city of Lowell, for this year, will be approximately \$625, and this represents a clear saving to the city of that amount, and this has been accomplished by the willingness of the commissioner of water works, to have this moth extermination done under the general direction of this department.

We see that, in substance, of the rebate from the commonwealth, the total revenues of this department for the year have been \$5300 in round numbers; and as our total appropriation was \$5500, the work of moth extermination, has been carried on for twelve months at an expense to the city of about \$200.

During the year, the commissioner in charge of this department, Mr. James E. Donnelly, has been most considerate of every man in the department, and while insisting that work be properly and efficiently done, and while recognizing the principles which counted for his courteous treatment and many consideration of the rights of everybody, has made the work of the department a pleasure rather than a task.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Gordon,

Superintendent of Moth Extermination.

ATHLETES AND ATHLETICS

Several Close Games Were Rolled Off Last Night on Local Alleys

Several close games were rolled on the local alleys last night, although no exceptionally high figures were set by the pin artists. The Lawrence Manufacturing league staged two games, the Hose, Finnish team winning from the Iron Shop while the Web Kull went down before the onslaught of the Shirt Finish.

In the Saco-Lowell league the Time Clerks were not fast enough for the Shop rollers and were forced to trail in behind them at the conclusion of the match. The latter team, however, in an inferior aggression to the Spalding team, Team 2, Team 3 went down to defeat before Team 4 and Team 6 won a close contest from Team 5 in the C. Y. M. League. The scores:

HOSE FINISH—Cante, 275; Davis, 250; Kerr, 250; Gregg, 275; A. Kelly, 250; total, 1349.

IRON SHOP—McNally, 265; O'Brien, 250; Kelsey, 238; Lebrun, 248; Cummings, 294; total, 1269.

WEB KULL—Scot, 265; Grinwood, 272; Safford, 252; Lewis, 231; Rigley, 251; total, 1273.

SHIRT FINISH—Morse, 231; J. Lambe, 222; Polton, 230; Champagne, 225; Carpenter, 269; total, 1307.

SHOP—Queenan, 275; Faneu, 247; Lane, 253; Linscott, 268; Martin, 254; total, 1391.

TIME CLERKS—Exley, 265; McDonald, 250; Kelle, 260; Crandall, 252; McElroy, 264; total, 1322.

SPAULDINGS—Madden, 272; Sabre, 250; Germaine, 309; Atkinson, 253; Riley, 252; total, 1356.

JAMSON—A. Grant, 213; Humphrey, 277; Sturt, 245; Jackson, 250; Laurin, 255; total, 1280.

TEAM 1—Flannery, 210; Foley, 215; H. Quinn, 223; Gilbride, 236; Murphy, 268; total, 1151.

TEAM 2—P. O'Neill, 258; E. Quinn, 232; P. Coyle, 255; B. Murphy, 198; W. Pelleter, 268; total, 1221.

TEAM 3—D. Leahy, 226; M. McCarthy, 181; J. McDonald, 225; J. Genivan, 252; M. Fleming, 269; total, 151; total, 1271.

TEAM 4—Jas. Hessian, 226; P. McGarrell, 230; J. McPhilips, 239; F. O'Neill, 151; R. Kelley, 261; S. Hessian, 250; total, 1366.

TEAM 5—Fury, 223; D. O'Neill, 151; J. Molby, 205; C. Flynn, 301; total, 1126.

TEAM 6—Quinn, 249; Mangano, 231; Flynn, 227; Martin, 247; Maguire, 217; Ford, 250; total, 1431.

BRAVES—Regan, 281; Keefe, 294; Carney, 307; Blomster, 283; McDonald, 271; total, 1444.

BAY STATES—Niland, 236; Ellis, 276; Taylor, 216; W. O'Brien, 256; Illinois, 238; total, 1312.

SPUD ROOM—Gardner, 249; Ducharme, 251; Parson, 268; Spencer, 203; total, 971.

WEBBING ROOM—McComb, 260; Lynde, 207; Sullivan, 265; McKittrick, 273; total, 1005.

VERY CHARMING AFFAIR

A charming New Year's "dansen" was held in Harrington hall, and it perchance you happened to peep into the hall you would have looked in upon a scene of merriment and gaiety such as one finds in a happy family. The affair was arranged by the gentlemen of Mrs. Reed's Friday evening dancing class, as a compliment to the young ladies of the class and it must be said that the sterner sex filled the role of entertainers cleverly and with a finish to every detail. The attendance was confined to the members of the class, and the occasion was delightfully informal, devoid of all that savor of the more conventional dance, and hence, the informal feature was the keynote of its success, socially. Of course, the dance order embraced very largely all the modern dances and for several hours the hairy company one-stepped, fox-trotted, chattered, waltzed and hastitated to their hearts' content, to splendid music by Dunfee's orchestra. In the favorite dances the favors were daintily red sunbonnets for the young ladies and paper tall hats, some of the vintage of '76 and some not so ancient, for the young men. At intermission all sat about a long table with their newly acquired head-gear and partook of a luncheon, after which Vito's selections and chorus singing was enjoyed. On resuming dancing, an old-time Virginia reel was danced, and for favorite toy horns, toy pianos, rattles, clappers and other noise-producing instruments were passed out, making the entire night.

All in all, the occasion was a delightful affair in every sense and the general verdict was that the gentlemen of the class are genuine entertainers. Mr. John McLaughlin made a capable master of ceremonies and was ably assisted by Misses Katherine A. Holland and Kathleen Driscoll.

DEATHS

BURNS—Mrs. Mary Burns died yesterday at her home, 203 Westford street, aged 33 years. Decedent was married in Ipswich in 1858 and shortly after removed to this city, where she had lived ever since. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Daniel Coughlin, Mrs. Simon Flynn, Mrs. Mitchell Evert, and Abbie A. and Ellen M. Burns; three sons, John H., Richard E., and James A. Holland and Kathleen Driscoll.

OLIVER—The funeral of Mrs. Eda Oliver was held yesterday afternoon. Prayers were said at her home in the Boston room, Tewksbury, and services were held at the First Congregational church, Rev. J. A. Dixon officiated. The service of the Knights and Ladies of Honor was also held. Miss Edna Thompson sang "Abide With Me," "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and "Never Fear to Die." The service was conducted by Rev. J. T. O'Connell.

HENEMAYER—The funeral of Rodney Henemayer will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the funeral chapel of Charles H. Molloy in Market street. A funeral high mass will be sung in St. Patrick's church, Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

KOSTAKOLOS—The funeral of Mary Kostakos took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from her home, 54 Lewis street, and was largely attended. The cortège proceeded to the Holy Greek church where at 3:15 o'clock services were held. The Rev. J. D. Doherty, John Kelley, Thomas Riley, Thomas Yerou, representing the Doherty Brothers iron foundry of which deceased was a valued employee.

The bearers were John Michael and Jeremiah Sullivan, Fred Messerley, Andrew Barrett, Florence Murphy and William Kennedy. At the grave Rev. F. Buckley read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

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WARD—The funeral of Patrick F. Ward will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the funeral chapel of Charles H. Molloy in Market street. A funeral high mass will be sung in St. Patrick's church at 3:15 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WARRIGAN—The funeral of Mary T. Harrigan took place this morning from her late home, 25 Union street, Charlestown, Mass. The body arrived in this city on the 8:35 train, the cortège proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a high mass of requiem was sung at 10 o'clock by Rev. Owen McQuaid, O. M. I. The Rev. John J. Mahoney, John Clancy, James A. Ready and Thomas Cogger. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Rev. Owen McQuaid, O. M. I. read the committal prayers. Undertaker Peter H. Savage in charge of funeral arrangements.

MOLLY—The funeral of Hugh E. Molloy took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, 29 Bowden street, and proceeded to the Holy Greek church where a high mass of requiem was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. F. Franklin Wood, O. M. I. An augmented choir sang the Gregorian funeral mass. After leaving the church the funeral procession wended its way to St. Patrick's cemetery where the body was conducted to its last resting place by Rev. F. Wood administering the final prayers. The bearers were Messrs. Edward Kennedy, Joseph Powers, Thomas Rourke and A. Vablerand. Among those present at the service were Miss Mary Keay, Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Wm. Beard of Ayer, and Mrs. Powers from Lowell.

There was a large profusion of beautiful floral tributes placed upon the grave, the most prominent being: Large pillow from his wife; pillow from his sisters, Mrs. Thomas J. Powers and Mrs. John J. Gookin and pieces from Owen Tannay and Elizabeth Gookin.

There were Charles Seavey, George Will, William Nutting and Will Marsh, all of Pelham. Burial was in the family lot in the Pelham Cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Aiken read the committal services. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers C. H. Molloy.

WOMEN'S PAGE MONDAY

Will Be Big Feature of The Sunday Lookabout, What the Cook Says, and Others

A page of fashions and reading matter and advertisements of special interest for the women readers will be printed in The Sun on Monday. This feature has been a marked success since started.

Lady Lookabout will entertain with her sparkling comment upon affairs of general interest. These cleverly written articles are full of bright discussions.

What the Cook Says will give many helpful home suggestions and What Herlense Told Me will contain information which will appeal to the ladies. The Rabbit's Foot," "What the French Maid Said," and a little "Sleepytime Tale" will complete a list of excellent features which will appear in The Sun on Monday.

If you want help at home or in your business try The Sun "Want" column.

FLORIDA EAST COAST

Get out your Summer Duds

germents and your tennis traps—for you're going to the Florida East Coast where summer adds a long postscript to her northern season—for your benefit.

Bright summer days and the varied enter-

tainment of the Florida East Coast resorts combine to make your stay a season of perfect delight.

GOLFING, MOTORING,

AQUATIC SPORTS, ETC.

WHERE TO STAY

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ORMOND-ON-THE-HALIFAX. — Hotel Ormond.

KALM BEACH. — Breakers and Royal Poinciana Hotel.

MIAMI. — Royal Palm Hotel.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS. — Nassau Hotel.

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WALKER AND BROWN REMOVED FROM OFFICE

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Governor Walsh, satisfied with the way in which the loan supervision office has been conducted, has removed from office E. Gerry Brown, supervisor of small loans, and Commissioner Fred F. Walker, of the bureau of animal industry.

This action was taken at the end of a record-breaking session of the council, which lasted from early morning until a few minutes before midnight. After the meeting Governor Walsh issued a statement commenting upon the features of the case.

In place of Supervisor Brown the governor has designated Deputy Geo. Neal of the state police, who will carry on the office until Mr. Brown's successor is appointed.

In place of Commissioner Walker he has designated Dr. Lester H. Howard of Boston.

The remarkable feature of the Brown case is that Mr. Brown has been holding office beyond his term, and it needed no action on the part of the governor to oust him except to name his successor.

The appointment of the successor will be a storm centre of politics at the state house.

Mr. Brown was appointed by Governor Ross a little while after the small loans act was passed, and he is the only man who has held the office.

The governor says that he is dissatisfied with the way in which the loan supervision office has been conducted, but there are no charges of dishonesty against Mr. Brown.

When told last night that he had been removed Mr. Brown said: "It is nothing but what I expected. I am not going to stop until I have been vindicated."

Commissioner Walker said that he expected the action of the governor and council, but added that he did not know very fully the nature of the charges against him.

Consideration of the cases against Brown and Walker occupied the attention of the council all day long.

After the council adjourned, a little before midnight, Governor Walsh and Lieut.-Governor Barry were in conference upon the details of it.

Lieut.-Governor Barry said that the facts in the Walker case were sensational inasmuch as the expenditure of more than \$200,000 had been made on account of the hoof and mouth disease, and that the assessed valuation of the animals already killed amounted to \$17,000.

Commissioner Walker, however, was warmly defended during the hearing.

DEPUTY NEAL SUCCEEDS BROWN

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Governor Walsh last night named Deputy George C. Neal of the state police to succeed E. Gerry Brown as supervisor of small loans, and Dr. F. H. Howard of this city to succeed Fred F. Walker as commissioner of animal industries.

THEY DO SAY

That the Spellbinders gets their goats young man is sporting a beautiful rainbow the these days.

That New Year's in 1916 may be a legal holiday.

That a battery company will soon be formed in Lowell.

That Sergt. Sumner Needham will soon be known as Lieut. Needham.

That Cupid is not overworking himself in Lowell this season.

That a police "healing committee" has been sent forth.

That it's a wise man who goes around corners carefully just now.

That a ring on the finger is worth two on the bell.

That all is not champagne which sparkles.

That the high school track team will be in the limelight soon.

That some of the New Year resolutions have followed the old year.

That the population of West Centralville is nearly 10,000.

That the Christmas music will be repeated in many churches tomorrow.

That there is room for a few more on the water wagon.

That the traffic officer's lot is not a happy one.

That the Kitchen Club watch meeting was the best ever.

That some "job holders" at city hall are feeling a little bit shaky.

That the school board will organize Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

That the inaugural exercises on Monday will be the shortest on record.

That New Year's eve didn't smack very much of hard times.

That next year New Year's day will be a holiday in Massachusetts.

That there was some class to Lowell's New Year's eve.

That many were called but a few did not get up this morning.

That most of the men who are seeking positions are dodging jobs.

That there isn't any fun in fishing if you have to catch fish for a living.

That the days are growing longer; it's Lowell's calendar.

That sleighing is fairly good on the outskirts and in the country.

That it took a lot of sand to go around the total streets last Tuesday.

That many a man has made a New Year's resolution to pay off something on that "temporary loan."

That the demand for plain soda, vinegar, etc., has increased greatly since yesterday.

That a woman nearly froze to death in Keenwood this week and only the quick work of Officer L'oye saved her.

That no casualties have been reported thus far due to the keeping of New Year's resolutions.

That the sudden deaths in every craft cause others to feel they are treading on thin ice.

That Police Officer Bill Quinlan will be installed as president of the Eagles next Tuesday evening.

That Mike Scollar, the old time sprinter, will be heard from during the coming summer months.

That Jim Dunnigan still continues to be the most popular politician in North Chelmsford.

That the Y. M. C. A. bowling team in the City league hasn't hit its proper stride yet.

That skating was enjoyed by an exceptionally large crowd at Shedd park last evening.

That the children persist in coasting down Pond street hill in spite of the many dangers.

That Sergt. Gleason is getting quite a reputation out of those tin cups again.

That another Company K man is to take the jump, the wedding ceremony to be held some time in February.

That the traffic officers enjoy their jobs when the mercury drops down below zero.

That according to the police court records of yesterday many good resolutions were made.

That the South End club boys who ate away with the Moose carnival company were missed at the banquet.

That the Bay State Street railway men have been busy bidding for new trips this week.

That the Christmas rush at the post office was followed by a big New Year's postcard business.

That the fireworks in Merrimack square Thursday night attracted a large crowd.

That there were many New Year parties in the camps and clubs in the suburbs of Lowell.

That the average cop would rather be laid up 30 days without pay than to take a traffic officer's job.

That their own bad luck doesn't worry some people as much as the good luck other people have.

That a man often marries a fancy kalmomber when what he wanted was a plain cook.

That a last minute report has it that Duncan may get lands and buildings and Putnam, the finance department.

That fear of frozen pipes is responsible for the waste of millions of gallons of water.

That a well known Pawtucketville

put says Col. Carmichael cannot throw cold water on the annexation movement.

That Rev. J. B. Labosse had the right spirit in establishing a skating rink on parish land in West Centralville.

That the reelection of Walter Powers and Frank Lincoln as president and treasurer respectively, of the Mathews was a fitting tribute to two capable and active workers.

That the annual reunion of St. Columba's parish, to be held in February, promises to be the banner social event in the history of the progressive parish.

That the lad who hangs around and worries everybody in town is the same fellow who is deeply worried because the Panama canal isn't paying expenses.

That that was a touchingly eloquent tribute Dr. McCluskey paid to the memory of the lamented John F. Saunders at St. Patrick's alumnus banquet.

That judging from the success of the recent New York's Eve celebration, it would be a good plan to make your reservations now for next year's good time.

That there's none so sweet as the little one whose picture adorns Abel R. Campbell's calendar, except it be the damsel on the calendar of E. A. McQuade.

That some of those old time ball players to whom the Old Timer referred yesterday want it understood that they were very young at the time mentioned by him.

That business has been "rotten" on the Highland Ave line for the past few evenings, only about 70 people riding at one time, when there should have been 100 or more.

That the members of the Manhattan Social Club are not only good entertainers but good fire fighters as was demonstrated at the Quinn fire last Saturday night.

That one woman had roast turkey, turkey salad, turkey hash and turkey soup on successive days and then ground the bones into fertilizer for the egg plant. Can you beat it?

That one delighted gentleman in The Sun building received a New Year's gift this morning, whether it was champagne or what-er-t-r-e-pop guitars.

That the man who lives for social fame may bow and scrape and play the game, may lose no chance to use his name, may dance around the fashion flame but—mentally he's slightly lame.

That Rev. Thomas A. Walsh, pastor of St. Mary's church, Collingsville, was showered with congratulations this week on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

That the boys of Pawtucketville have a miniature skating rink opposite the Lowell Textile school where they enjoy themselves to their hearts' content.

That See Charles Farrell has made a splendid executive for the Manufacturers' Bowling league and is planning even larger successes for the coming year.

That the New England league magnates who met informally in Boston yesterday decided to have a New Year's resolution and that the players did not figure in these resolutions.

That Andy Roche and Jim Kennedy will have something to say relative to the Lowell baseball club just as soon as the magnates of the "little old leagues" get together for their annual powwow.

That Gov. Whitman of New York made a good start when he put the "K. O." sign of the closed door seal and announced that he would meet all callers in the large, executive chamber in view of all.

That trade in Lowell also refers to the men and women who rushed down to Boston, the Farnsworth and other out-of-town resorts for their New Year's fun when they could have had just as good a time at the local celebrations.

That the fans of Lowell are anxious awaiting confirmation of the roller polo, the franchise being located here. The sport ought to prove a welcome boon during the athletic lethargy which has afflicted the city for the past year.

That a policeman who asked off a few days before Christmas and was informed by the captain that he could not have the holiday as there were many cases of illness said: "Well, cap, so there, will not be too many ahead of me next year, just got that down of me that I want to be off on Dec. 25, 1915." The Cap did that little thing.

That all the superior officers in the police department are being pressed into service on the trial boards.

That the Christmas tree at the Highland club provided great amusement for the members.

That John A. Quinn allows that the South End minister she will be up-to-date in every respect.

That the reason some girls didn't get any Christmas presents was because their stockings were so thin Santa Claus couldn't see them.

That some men haven't noticed the increased cost of living because the price of booze and beer remain the same.

That it is through no fault of the employees of The Sun that there was a delay in the matter of marriage contracts during the year of 1914.

That Mayor Good of Cambridge handed out some good advice after the fire in the Cambridge city home in which five persons perished.

That Commissioner Donnelly made the hit of his life at the Christmas tree exercises at St. Anne's parish house.

That Harry was glad he refused when he heard that the two fellows who wanted their fares home to Springfield belonged in Lowell.

That it is some clock that can tell when and where to go skating along with giving the hour of the day, the temperature and weather predictions.

That the Lowell City Council will be a candidate for mayor on the aliterative platform of parks, playgrounds and progress.

That many a charming French girl waited in vain Thursday night for the ghostly kiss of the voyageur of the "chasse galerie."

That conditions in Lowell Thursday evening looked good for the success of Rep. Achin's bill to make New Year's day a legal holiday.

That the New Year's celebrations will be the principal topic of conversation for some time to come among those who attended them.

That Mayor Hurley of Salem has received several offers to appear on the stage wearing the famous "Silk Hat."

That the person who was soon climbing into a Pawtucketville house early New Year's morning was not a burglar.

That according to the police court records of yesterday many good resolutions were made.

That the South End club boys who ate away with the Moose carnival company were missed at the banquet.

That the Bay State Street railway men have been busy bidding for new trips this week.

That the Christmas rush at the post office was followed by a big New Year's postcard business.

That the fireworks in Merrimack square Thursday night attracted a large crowd.

That there were many New Year parties in the camps and clubs in the suburbs of Lowell.

That the average cop would rather be laid up 30 days without pay than to take a traffic officer's job.

That their own bad luck doesn't worry some people as much as the good luck other people have.

That a man often marries a fancy kalmomber when what he wanted was a plain cook.

That a last minute report has it that Duncan may get lands and buildings and Putnam, the finance department.

That fear of frozen pipes is responsible for the waste of millions of gallons of water.

That a well known Pawtucketville

put says Col. Carmichael cannot throw cold water on the annexation movement.

That Rev. J. B. Labosse had the right spirit in establishing a skating rink on parish land in West Centralville.

That the reelection of Walter Powers and Frank Lincoln as president and treasurer respectively, of the Mathews was a fitting tribute to two capable and active workers.

That the annual reunion of St. Columba's parish, to be held in February, promises to be the banner social event in the history of the progressive parish.

That the lad who hangs around and worries everybody in town is the same fellow who is deeply worried because the Panama canal isn't paying expenses.

That that was a touchingly eloquent tribute Dr. McCluskey paid to the memory of the lamented John F. Saunders at St. Patrick's alumnus banquet.

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HOLY NAME SERVICES

Annual Union Service Tomorrow at St. Patrick's and the Sacred Heart Churches at 7 P. M.

Tomorrow the Holy Name societies of Lowell and vicinity will hold their annual union services at St. Patrick's church and the Sacred Heart on Moore street. No one church in Lowell would accommodate all and hence the division.

St. Patrick's

The services at St. Patrick's church will be held at 7 o'clock in the evening. The ceremony will consist of solemn vespers, sermon by a notable pulpit orator, and benediction of the blessed sacrament.

The societies to be represented at this service will those of St. Patrick's church, St. Michael's, St. Louis', St. Columba's, St. Mary's of Collinsville, St. Joseph's, St. Jean Baptiste, and Notre Dame de Lourdes.

The officiating clergyman will be Rev. Francis J. Mullin of St. Michael's church, who will be assisted by Rev. Thomas A. Walsh of St. Mary's church, Collinville, as deacon, and Rev. J. B. Labosse of St. Louis' as sub-deacon. The master of ceremonies will be Rev. Joseph A. Curini of St. Patrick's church.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Daniel J. O'Mahony, O. S. A., of Lawrence, a pulpit orator of rare eloquence, who will speak on the Holy Name societies of the district, and the doing of these societies, as well as the benefits to be derived from them by the members. A special musical program was prepared by the regular church choir under the direction of Michael J. Johnson. The ushers at the church will be the officers of the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church. The arrangements for the service are in charge of Rev. Joseph A. Curtin, spiritual director of the Holy Name society of St. Patrick's church.

At St. Peter's Church

At the breakfast, following the reciting of communion by St. Peter's Holy Name society tomorrow morning, Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., will be the principal speaker and there will be an entertainment program of rare excellence.

In the evening the members will assemble at 6:15 o'clock in preparation for the march to the Sacred Heart church. The society will attend the 7:30 o'clock mass tomorrow morning.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO A NEW YEAR'S PARTY

CARRANZA'S FORCES CAPTURE BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT SAN LUIS POTOSI AFTER A SANGUINARY BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Capture of San Luis Potosi by Carranza forces was reported in advices today from Galveston to the Carranza agency here, which said:

Semi-official reports by wireless from Tampico say that forces under General Jose Robelo entered San Luis Potosi yesterday after a sanguinary battle. General Robelo belongs to the command of General Pablo Gonzales who yesterday also drove the rebels from Rodriguez station, 65 miles east of San Luis Potosi.

Captain Niles of the Carranza aviation corps and Major Salinas, his chief, flying a French monoplane reports Carranza troops as far west as 80 miles from Mexico City. The movement on Pueblo from Amecoz has been completed and the actual bombardment is expected to begin in the morning.

MEXICAN CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Mexican national convention met at noon yesterday at Mexico City and adjourned until Monday, according to advices to the state department.

Notwithstanding the continuance of hostilities between the Villa-Zapata forces and those under control of Carranza, the assembly hopes to reconstruct the central government and form an administration to be presented to the United States and other nations for recognition.

RAILWAY MEN'S UNION

HELD ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S SOCIABLE IN LINCOLN HALL LAST EVENING

The annual New Year's social and dance of local 581, Street Railway Men's union, was conducted last evening at Lincoln hall, attended by an exceptionally large gathering of members and their friends. The dance order contained 20 members, including stops old and new, and everything was run off without the slightest hitch.

The committee in charge are to be complimented on the excellence of the general arrangements, and success of the entire affair.

PERSONALS

John Smith, a member of Nashua's new board of aldermen, is a former Lowell man. He was born in the county of Monaghan, Ireland, and came to Lowell in 1882. His parents and a sister died here. Mr. Smith entered the employ of the Massachusetts mills in 1885 and remained there until 1890, when he moved to Nashua.

Miss Mary Mack of Wentworth avenue is on a three weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Brooklyn, New York and New Jersey.

DELIVERY OF FREIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The interstate commerce commission held today that regulation for delivery of freight at terminals of railroads in New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati were reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory.

The cases decided were those involving what popularly is known as "tailboard delivery" of freight; that is, the placing particularly less than carload freight in terminal warehouses so that it at all times may be easily accessible to teamsters. The cases were long and bitterly contested.

\$50,000 TO HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 2.—A residuary bequest of \$50,000 to the Harvard Medical school for the foundation of a chair of gynecology is provided in the will of William H. Baker of Waltham filed for probate today. The widow has the income of the fund during her lifetime.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET

DEALINGS WERE LIGHT

SMALLEST OVERTURN OF ANY 24 HOURS IN SOME YEARS—LONDON MARKET OPENS MONDAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Former advice exercised depressing effect upon the stock market at today's opening, most issues manifesting a yielding tendency. New York Air Brake was prominent in the special class for its six point decline and such active shares as were quoted in the first half hour inclined to heaviness. United States Steel and Union Pacific soon recovered, however, but Western Maryland added a point to its recent severe loss. Bethlehem Steel gained a material fraction while most of the leaders were virtually unchanged. Dealings were light.

The first day's trading of 1915 on the stock exchange was marked by the smallest overturn of any 24 hours seen in some years. The attendance of buyers and customers was in keeping with the sluggish movement. Leading shares showed no pronounced change either way and some of the speculative favorites failed of single transaction. Among the specifics were such variable changes as a point loss in New York Air Brake and a five point advance in Sears Roebuck. News from London, where the market is to reopen Monday acted as a deterrent to any trading on the bull side. Bonds were steady.

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Merchandise paper, 4 and 4½, Sterling exchange

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THREE DOLLARS PER YEAR. TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER MONTH

GOLDEN PROSPECTS

In accordance with the annual custom at this season the Boston Post presented to its readers yesterday the views of several prominent bankers of that city with regard to the year gone by and their predictions for the future. Those interviewed represented every shade of political opinion and many of the men quoted are noted for their conservative views, yet in every instance they forecasted a year of prosperity. There was no attempt to minimize the partial depression of the present or to soar into groundless felicitations. The general opinion seemed to be that the present stagnation is needless, being due to a lack of confidence rather than to a basic disturbance.

Colonel William A. Gaston, president of the National Shawmut bank, said: "The United States, situated as it is today, the only great power in the civilized world which is not engaged in the European war, stands in an exceptionally commanding position. The warring countries are all large importers of foodstuffs, raw materials and manufactured goods, and with their own supplies diminished they have turned naturally to us to supply their wants. We, with our unlimited resources, are well prepared to meet this outside demand in addition to our own needs."

George N. Towle, member of the governing board of the Boston Stock Exchange, said: "We have passed the federal reserve act, which to my mind is a matter of the greatest importance, and gives us now an intelligent and workable banking law for the first time in our history."

W. F. Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald, Hubbard & Co., said: "The present business depression is as big a fake as was the money panic of 18 months ago. It is a fallacy that starvation and the liquidation of labor are effective methods. A simpler and more direct way is to show the need of an increased efficiency in labor and a greater integrity in capital. Lack of confidence alone is responsible for the great suffering throughout the country, and not conditions."

The natural reflection on reading these and many other optimistic utterances is summed up in the advice of Hon. Joseph O'Neil, president of the Federal Trust Co.: "We are facing a period of great prosperity. Meet it and help it along with cheers, not moans. The optimist helps while the pessimist retards. Today all the pessimism belongs to the other side of the Atlantic; on this side is business, big business, plenty of business for all who have faith and back their faith with work."

It would be folly for these men to assume that mere announcements of prosperity will bring prosperity. They merely did what practically all our trade papers and scientific reviews are doing, in outlining the sound conditions on which American finance and business stand at the present time. Speaking with the conviction of experts and with a force born of experience they virtually declare that when our employers and employees, our capital and labor see the folly of discouragement or unnecessary fear, better spirit will be fostered in our business life and we will have a greater degree of prosperity.

Let us then all resolve for the coming year to let no personal, political or other discouraging influence intrude itself into our thoughts and actions in all relating to American business conditions. The new year has dawned in sunshine and cheer. Sunshine and cheer radiate from everything that tends to influence our business life. The silver lining of the war cloud is turned towards us. Let us not mar the brightness of the prospect by needless pessimism; but, remembering our duty to our country, let us help along its prospects by unanimous and cooperative enthusiasm.

THE LOCAL OUTLOOK

Judging from the opinions heard on the streets, from the merchants in the stores and from the heads of local manufacturing firms, the announcement of probable local prosperity for the coming year, as made by the board of trade, will strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of our citizens. Though Lowell has been far more fortunate than most cities of its type in this section of the country, the temporary disturbance arising from the European war brought some measure of inconvenience, but the general belief is that this condition has practically passed with 1914.

As befits a business document the forecast issued by the board of trade is conservative and cautious in tone, but its most dominant note is confidence in the near future. This is all the more gratifying and reassuring when we remember that the bulletin was compiled from information derived from a source of our largest manufacturing firms. This information was not in any sense theoretical but was undoubtedly based on experiences that are already having their beneficial effect on Lowell manufacturers.

While we are gradually adding to the diversity of our manufacturing plants, the textile business must continue to be our greatest industrial activity. It is well that it should be so, for while the textile business has its vicissitudes, it is more uniformly even perhaps than any other business of any magnitude in the country. Cities that are mainly shoe centres, cities that depend on automobile factories, and cities that grow up around other great lines of manufacture have far more depressing periods than do textile cities at their worst. Even when a textile city is at the lowest ebb, the mills keep running part time and the extremes of prosperity and adversity are not sounded spasmodically. This has been especially apparent since the outbreak of the war and it has also been apparent that the textile business has been one of the first to benefit directly. In the great business that is so generally predicted and anticipated, therefore, there is every ground for the hope that Lowell will grow as cities grow that are alive and active.

WAR LOSSES

The real nature of the gigantic conflict now going on in Belgium and along the French frontier and also in the eastern field may be learned from the decision of the allies not to attempt the offensive against the German line until fresh recruits have been sent from England. This does not indicate any weakening of the allies' attack but it bears out the desperate character of the fighting, with the Germans so firmly entrenched that any success of the other side is gained only at an enormous loss. The same would be true if the Germans resorted to the offensive, which they do not

do among the most revolting refuse. The children, who hang around business establishments for firewood—much of which they steal—is a common sight. Many of these things may seem innocent enough but the habit of any one of them is demoralizing and unfortunately too many parents through carelessness or ignorance do not try to prevent the dangerous practices. The authorities should keep an eye on child scavengers for the sake of the poor children themselves and for the sake of the community.

THE AMERICAN NOTE

The report that the American note protesting against the hampering of American shipping has been well received in Rome serves to still further confirm the assertion that this country votes a grievance which is shared by most neutral nations. It is only natural that in the exigencies of war a strong power should forget some of the rights of other nations and at the same time those who feel discriminated against must in time resent it. England has not yet made a reply to the friendly but firm requests of our war department, but in the face of public opinion here and elsewhere the reply cannot be other than favorable. The Roman despatch says that America's stand will eventually lead to a revision of the laws governing international usage in commercial relations at times of war.

SEEN AND HEARD

Be a good loser. But don't make it a habit.

Never stand behind a mule when you are arguing with him.

When a girl marries she usually loses a good friend and gets a grumpy boarder.

He who would drown his sorrows in the bottle will soon find himself submerged.

If you want to waste about two hours of your time just ask a young husband how his first baby is getting along.

This appears to be a good year for the "Outs" to get in, as is shown in the recent elections when nearly all of the "Ins" went out, including Hurley of Salem, Brown of Lowell and Turnbull of Lynn.—Lynn Evening News.

OVER THE WIRE

Here is a true telephone story told by the chef at the West Lynn hotel. The chef was telephoning to the hotel when the party on the other end left the receiver off and wanted to get the hotel again. The operator could do nothing for him and he called a neighboring storekeeper and asked him to go to the hotel and tell someone there to hang up the receiver." The party on the other end understood the chef to say, "Go to the hotel, bring out a ham and don't let anyone see you." Needless to say the chef had to go to the hotel in person before the telephone receiver was hung up.

GENTLE CONSIDERATION

A group of little girls at Merrimac's academy in Arlington were discussing the approaching Twelfth, and

BUSINESS OPENINGS

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DWYER & CO.

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It was a graceful and timely act of the toastmaster at one of the New Year banquets to call the attention of all in closing to the sorry conditions of the people of other countries and ask that all should sing a patriotic song. Even in times of the greatest joy we must not forget the suffering of our brothers across the world. A look at the dark side of the picture, in an unselfish spirit may make our side even more bright and impress upon us all the blessings of peace.

The cheery "Happy New Year" of the business ads, seem exceptionally inspiring somehow—even though they may be prompted by business sense. The best way to make our merchants happy in return is to trade with them—and there is no time better than the present.

It is certainly amazing to see the frequency with which the loaded revolver figures in our police court. Evidently many of our people consider the article a part of their wearing apparel. Revolvers are all right in their place, but the back pocket is not their fitting place under ordinary conditions.

And the fight goes on merrily in Mexico as in the days before the departure of Huerta.

Jan. 2, 1915?

THE SPELLBINDER

Continued

With the work, for under the head of macadamizing it reads as follows: 1911, 21,770 square yards; 1912, 71,071.4; 1913, 36,383.51; 1914, 71,326 square yards. One would believe from the report that the street department out of its regular appropriation for macadamizing had done over twice as much work as had been done during the previous year out of the regular appropriation of that year. Undoubtedly if Commissioner Morse had presented the report he would have explained that the material excavated from Westford street preparatory to paving that thoroughfare was used to macadamize Belvidere and other side streets thereby saving in material and the cost of teaming, which in measure accounts for the large yardage of macadamizing completed during the year.

The Contagious Hospital

The Courier-Citizen has editorially agreed with Dr. Elliott Washburn of the Rutland Hamilton that there be absolutely no fear of building a contagious disease hospital in any part of the city. But then the Courier-Citizen in so many words said that while there is no danger to be feared from the hospital, it should not be built where wealthy people reside, but it will be all right to place it anywhere else. Dr. Washburn, in his address, stated that there is great need for a tuberculosis hospital in Lowell and the legislature and the courts have said that Lowell must have one. The only attempt of a material nature ever made to locate one in Lowell was made last year when a site was selected with the approval of the state board of health and the money appropriated to purchase it. One of the earliest acts of the present administration was to undo this single material effort to give the city what it badly needs and what the law says it must provide. Thus the incoming administration will probably wake up to the fact that it must act with a view to establishing the hospital rather than to preventing its erection and when so acting it should bear in mind the instructions of the Courier-Citizen that a tuberculosis hospital is not dangerous to the health of those who reside in the vicinity.

A Correspondent on Police Matters

A correspondent, who, evidently, resides in Centralville, has sent in the following communication to this column:

"There is at least one resident of Centralville who is grateful to The Spellbinder, for it was only a few evenings after the publication of that statement regarding the late shift officers disturbing the residents of Centralville at night, it appears, orders were given to the police at roll-call not to make so much noise at night.

"Again we learn that the equal rights to all, special privileges to none" platform has received a blow, for it was only a few days ago that we read the mayor's letter commending Officers Regan and Hill for making a courageous arrest in the Greek colony, responding promptly to the cries of "Police" and "Murder." It happened that both men were called to the house by a Greek and both responded promptly. One of the officers went to summon the patrol wagon and meanwhile Sergt. McCloskey appeared on the scene and took charge of the situation. However, we do not learn of Sergt. McCloskey being commended although his name appears first on the record of the arrest.

"This is probably a good time to let the public know how officers are deprived of the opportunity of making important arrests. If a police officer makes an arrest for drunkenness and superior officers happen along, their names are put on the record but not first as they do not like to go to court for a simple drunk. But should an important arrest be made by a patrolman and a superior officer happen along the latter's name will appear first on the record and he will be right there in court. Another example: If a warrant is to be served, most of the time, the superior officer serves it and very often nothing is told the officer on the route until the superior officer comes around at a late hour with the warrant. There have been cases where the person wanted by the police has disappeared before the superior officer comes around and might have been told about the case."

"There are no servants at whom so many people delight to whack as the policemen. They get it on all sides whether or not they deserve it, and speak lovely words, to fall like sunlight rays. That youth may be so long, and age but little. To add to his life a little more, And take some misery out of earth's vast store. So shall thou walk with gladness and not grief. Planting love in all the thorny ways.

Do lovely deeds, of brotherhood the bond; Each burden nobly lifted and each task.

Each day's plain duty, teaches then to bless.

The friendless lives brave in their innocence.

Ere yet they near the Shadows and the Mask.

And those untroubled paths that stretch beyond.

Thoughts, words and deeds! To stand with truth, all!

This is the creed that counts. Unshaking toil.

Staunch fortitude, and strength of patience.

Securely treading though the way be worn.

Fronting the light, nor fearing to recoil.

Facing the right, nor looking back to fall.

—Chamber's Journal.

YOUR BOY

Has had lots of fun with his

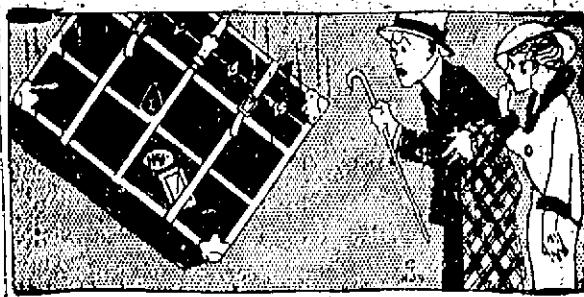
MECCANO

We knew he would.

yet as a whole they are a careful, and conscientious lot and while some of them sometimes run amuck on that celebrated rule 19, it is a matter of record that some of the men who have been reprimanded or suspended for wrong-doing have also made notable arrests and proven that they know their business. Relative to our correspondent's remarks on the commendation of the two officers, the mayor or probably commended those two men on the report sent to him from the police station. In past years it was the custom for the superintendent of police, before the new form of government came into effect, personally to commend officers for creditable work. With the coming of the new government the superintendent always suggested such commendation in a letter to the mayor and the latter acted upon the superintendent's suggestion. I recall a case that happened a year or more ago when Officer Bigelow was arrested a desperado who cut him up badly. A correspondent wrote a letter complaining because Officer Bigelow was not commended by the mayor for his courageous work. Upon investigation it was found that the case had been closed and the mayor's action had been taken before the latter did not commend the officer.

Relative to our correspondent's remarks about the superior officers serving warrants and getting their names first on the record when an arrest of importance is made, I recall an unusual incident that occurred at the police station some few years ago, while I was present. An officer telephoned in that he was following a man who was attempting to dispose of some property in pawnshops in Middlesex street. Immediately an inspector left the police station and went to the scene. In a short time the patrol was called and it returned with the inspector and the man, whom the officer on the beat had arrested in the meantime. The keeper in making the record of the arrest booked the man to the officer on the beat and the inspector, writing the patrolman's name first. The inspector glanced at the blotter and seeing his name after that of the patrolman started to berate the poor keeper for not reversing the order.

"Sure, what tell is the difference?" exclaimed the surprised keeper, and I agreed with him. And speaking of the serving of the warrants by superior officers, some time ago a man wanted in Canada for murder and for whose arrest a large reward had been offered, was arrested in Nashua as he alighted from a Lowell car. The



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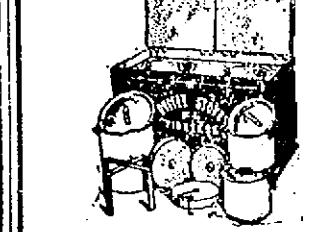
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“Sure, what tell is the difference?” exclaimed the surprised keeper, and I agreed

DRACUT GRANGE BUSY

Fine Program Completed for '15
—Dracut Center School Presented a Flag—Other News

The installation of the recently elected officers of the Dracut grange will be held at the regular meeting of the organization, which will be held at Grange hall, Dracut Center, Monday evening. The affair will be preceded by luncheon and an entertainment program will be carried out. The officers to be installed are as follows: Hazel Weinbeck, master; Thomas H. Varnum, overseer; Fred P. Vinal, lecturer; Wesley R. Crosby, steward; Victor N. Clift, assistant steward; Alice P. Colburn, chaplain; Harry M. Fox, treasurer; Florence M. Weinbeck, secretary; Walter V. Burnett, gate keeper; Glenna A. Crosby, ceras; Gertrude L. Clift, pomona; Linda A. Weinbeck, flora; Ella E. Burnett, lady assistant steward.

The various committees of the grange for the year 1915 are as follows: Executive—Alton B. Bryant, Eugene C. Fox and Asa Stickney; Relief and visiting—Julia Bryant, Martha E. Fox, Sadie H. Coburn, Mary J. Keyes, Nelson G. Vinal, Rev. Ernest C. Bartlett, Henry E. Fox, Frank A. Huntley, Bert A. Clift and John W. Peabody. Feast—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaudette, Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Clift, Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Clift, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Fox.

Music—Ella G. Colburn, director; Anna Roth, Maud Coburn, Elizabeth Stickney, Helen Boynton, Erma Gaspar, Chester Colburn, Henry Coburn, Asa Stickney, Inez Beal and Vivia Fox. Library—Rose Peabody, Alice Coburn, Clara Kennedy, Annie Boudinot, Mahel Peavey, Charles Randall, James Walsh, James S. Murphy, George Stevens, Charles Stickney. Tableau staff—Barbara Thissell, Mary Hilton, Addie E. Phillips, Ella S. Roth, Margaret Snelgrove, Hattie J. Coffin, Adena Clift, Jennie Gorman, Helen Bryant, Hattie E. Fox.

The program for the year 1915 was issued this morning and is as follows: Jan. 4—Installation of officers by music, in charge of music committee. Jan. 18—A talk on "Safety First" by the members.

Feb. 1—Drama by young ladies of Grace Universalist church, Lowell. Feb. 16—Entertainment in charge of the literary committee, Box party. March 8—Conferring of degrees. First by the regular officers; second by the gentlemen's degree staff.

March 15—Conferring of third degree by the ladies' degree staff. April 5—Conferring of fourth degree. Inspection by district deputy supper.

April 19—Whist party. Worthy overseer in charge.

May 17—Veterans' night in charge of Mrs. Annie D. Boudinot, assisted by Mrs. Lucella M. Davis and Fannie Hovey. Open meeting during lecturer's hour.

June 21—Children's night, in charge of the occasion.

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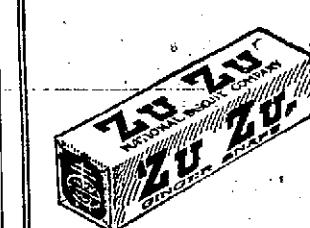
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provision of milk supplies, and it will be necessary for the appointee to perform considerable traveling throughout the United States for the purpose of conducting investigations concerning the production and handling of milk for city consumption. In addition they will be called upon to attend dairymen's conventions and other meetings for the purpose of scoring milk and cream, and making addresses pertaining to the sanitary production and handling of the same; to assist local inspectors in inaugurating and carrying out efficient systems of dairy inspection; to inspect dairy farms and city milk plants, and give advice as to improvements from a sanitary standpoint.

An educational training equivalent to that required for a bachelor's degree from an institution of recognized standing, and in addition at least two years' responsible experience since leaving college in some phase of milk work, are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

This examination is open to all men who are citizens of the United States and who meet the requirements.

Persons who meet the requirements and desire this examination should at once apply for forms 304 and 205, stating the title of the examination for which the forms are desired, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.; the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board, Post Office, Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, O., Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Seattle, Wash., San Francisco, Cal.; custom-house, New York, N. Y., New Orleans, La., Honolulu, Hawaii; Old Custom-

house, St. Louis, Mo.; or to the chairman of the Porto Rican Civil Service Commission, San Juan, P. R. No application will be accepted unless properly executed, excluding the medical certificate, and filed with the commission at Washington, with the material required, prior to the hour of closing business on January 26, 1915. The exact title of the examination as given at the head of this announcement should be stated in the application form.

Sanitary Engineer

Sanitary engineer, for men only. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the public health service for duty in the field, at a salary of \$2600 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

The duties of this position will be to make studies of public health matters involving engineering problems, to advise in respect to purification of water supplies, sewage disposal, rat-proofing construction and drainage, and to prepare plans and specifications for such projects.

Graduation from a college or university of recognized standing, such instruction to have included full courses in sanitary engineering, and at least four years' subsequent laboratory and field experience in sanitary engineering, including experience in antimicrobial work, are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

Statements as to education and experience are accepted subject to verification.

Applicants must not have reached their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination.

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NASHUA MAN HURT

Fell While Ascending the Toboggan Slide at the Vesper-Country Club—Injuries Quite Severe

While tobogganing with his daughter yesterday afternoon, John R. Spring, a Nashua, N. H., lawyer, fell on the ice and sustained a severe gash on his forehead and other injuries. Dr. McCalfe of Boston, who was at the club, treated the wounds, one of which required several stitches.

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Physician (Male)

The United States civil service commission announces an open competitive examination for physician, for men only, on February 3, 1915. From the register of eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill a vacancy in this position in the Indian service at the Hayward school, Wisconsin, at \$1500 a year, and vacancies as they may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

For the position at the Hayward school, Wisconsin, unmerited eligibles without dependents are desired.

Qualified men have an excellent opportunity for appointment to the Indian service as a result of this examination. The usual entrance salaries range from \$900 to \$1100 a year.

Applicants must be graduated or senior students in recognized medical schools. The names of such senior students will not, however, be entered on the eligible register in the event they pass the examination until they have furnished proof of actual graduation.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first but not their fortieth birthday on the date of the examination.

Applicants must be in good health and must attach to their applications a statement showing the number in their family dependent upon them that will require accommodations at the Indian school or agency in case they receive appointment.

Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of the examination an unmounted photograph of himself taken within two years. An applicant who fails to present such photograph will not be admitted to the examination. Tin types will not be accepted.

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FREED OF VAGRANCY CHARGE

Cormier, With Big Bank Roll, Was Seeking Brother in Salem—"Fresh Eggs" Sellers Fined

SALEM, Jan. 2.—In the district court yesterday, Judge Sears presiding, Joshua D. Cormier of Moncton, N. B., who had been in custody since Tuesday for alleged vagrancy, was discharged. When he was arrested checks aggregating \$304, a bankbook showing \$500 deposits, a Canadian \$1 bill and \$188 in American bills were found on him. He was detained. It was stated in court he ran when asked to stop on being seen coming out of a Derby square boarding house.

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REPORT OF BIRTHS

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22—To Mr. and Mrs. Octave Gagnon, of 81 Burnside street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Goncalves, of 31 Union street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Saras, of 267 Worthen street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vasilios Vanotis, of 2 Dunham street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Michalec, of 31 Austin street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michalec, of 3 Bay State court, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bean, of 881 Moody street's son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Paquin, of 291 Lakeview avenue, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Murphy, of 250 Suffolk street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus Knyack, of 122 Lakeview avenue, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lefebvre, of 14 Bolton place, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Samara, of 21 Adams street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burton Pluls, of 211 Hibbert street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Parakaropulos, of 120 Elm street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lecaert, of 35 Oliver street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Augier, of 25 Adams street, a son.

BILL FOR SPORTS ON SUNDAY

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—A new Sunday bill was presented at the state house yesterday. It is signed by Representative Twohig and provides that baseball, boxing and other sports shall be permitted in all public parks on Sundays between 2 and 6 o'clock, from Memorial day to Labor day.

If you want help at home or in your business try The Sun "Want" column.

KEEP IT HANDY FOR RHEUMATISM

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected part. Relieve the soreness and draw the pain out. Get it on once and feel no much bother. It goes right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sores and swollen joints, lumbago, rheumatism, and like ailments. Your money back if it not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

REPORT OF DEATHS

The list of December deaths, not previously reported, is as follows:

Dec.

22—To Mr. and Mrs. Octave Gagnon, of 81 Burnside street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Healy, of 40 Marion street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cooke, of 245 Pine street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alonso N. Hill, of 27 Leroy street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hurney, of 104 Royal street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Athos Papas, of 347 Moody street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Howard, of 662 Bridge street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ellington, of 450 Market street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Ward, of 198 South street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Neill, of 105 Broadway, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Hogan, of 52 Central street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Turcotte, of 33 Elm street, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue, of 22 Fourth street, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Kolaski, of 8 Carpet Lane, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Latskos, of 61 Market street, a son.

SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

PREDICT BIG BUSINESS

Real Estate Men and Contractors Optimistic and Look for Boom—Building Notes

Greatly increased activity is anticipated in the real estate and building activity in the spring. The men engaged in these fields are preparing for big business. Many people in the cities and towns near Boston are buying land and the real estate men in those localities are making very many good sales. The local real estate dealers are aware of this and say that the outlook is highly favorable. The general impression undoubtedly is that the coming of spring will be accompanied by a decided boom in the real estate and building activity.

Six New Houses

The six new two-tenement houses at the corner of Middlesex and Stevens streets are now completed and are a most attractive array of up-to-date residences. These were erected by Mr. Vital Robert, a well known local contractor, for Mrs. A. P. Demers, a native of Lowell who resided for an extended period in Paris. Mr. Demers is planning to have erected other houses in the Highland district. His contribution to a building boom in this vicinity is a notable one.

Mr. Robert is now engaged in remodeling the property of Dr. T. Laufer at the corner of Middlesex and Wilder streets. This property is known as the Glidden estate.

Builds Two Apartment Houses

Israel Greenberg, a large property owner of this city, will soon add two more apartment houses to his list of real buildings. The new houses will be constructed in Chelmsford street, their locations being 188-190, and 192-

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houses on the lot. The sale was made to a local man for an out-of-town owner.

The sale of a modern nine-room, one-family dwelling situated near the corner of Parker and Stevens streets. The house is heated with steam and is equipped with bath, electricity, hardwood floors and slanted roof. The sale was made for a local professional man and the purchaser will occupy the house within the next month. Names will be reported later.

The sale of an excellent building lot in the Tyler Park section of the city. The lot contains about 8500 feet of land with a frontage of 65 feet. The purchaser will erect a modern house upon the lot. Names will be given when the deed is placed on record.

A COLONIAL ROOM

To have at least one bedroom with antique furniture is the desire of most house mistresses, but, too often its good effect is marred by a lack of attention to the room itself. The figured wall paper was the rule in houses of any pretensions, but not every figured paper is suitable and it must be remembered that whether correct or not cretonne furnishings cannot be used with a wall of decided pattern.

For a room of fair size and well lighted the foliage papers are extremely good, and those with a comparatively small pattern and rather set effect carry out the old fashioned idea better than those of more modern type. Another admirable paper for a room of this type is one which reappears year after year, a Japanese looking design of pine tree branches in blue on a white ground.

It can also be had in green but that coloring is far less pleasing. Still another sort of paper for the old-fashioned room has a white ground with big branches of flowers realistically treated the design surrounded by a suggestion of shadow produced by the use of tiny black dots. Occasionally one finds a paper scattered over with tiny landscapes enclosed in some sort of scroll work and these papers are excellent for this purpose although some of them are rather colorless.

With these strongly patterned walls, curtains and bed hangings should be of dimity or some sort of striped muslin. For draping the four poster nothing is so good as dimity, with an edging of narrow cotton fringe or gimp, and the sill length window curtains should match.

It is quite possible to have an old fashioned room without any upholstery, using rush seated chairs and dispensing with anything in the shape of a couch or easy chair, thus avoiding the conflict of two patterns, one on the walls, another on the furniture. A compromise is possible by covering chairs and couch with a striped material, white with the general tone of the walls, or else using one of the French cotton fabrics, jasper or armure, which are specially intended for wall coverings. Indeed it is a pity to forego the old elegance given by the high backed, winged chair, standing by the fireplace.

BEGIN GARDENING NOW

Contrary to the general belief, January is the most important month, so far as the success of your vegetable and flower gardens is concerned.

John Cotter, the well known plumbing and heating contractor, whose place of business is located at Liberty square, did a large volume of business during the year 1914, and is very optimistic in his expectations for 1915 as consequence. Mr. Cotter secured some important contracts and, in addition to these, the general business at his store had been very good.

Had Successful Year

The sale of the Charles H. Chadwick property, situated on the easterly side of Pollard street in Billerica and comprising five acres of land well covered with fruit trees, a six-room modern house and stable.

The sale was made to Elmer E. Perriago, a wide-awake developer and builder, of Billerica. This property is undoubtedly the very finest parcel of the many that have been opened up for development in Billerica since the advent of the mammoth car shops of the Boston & Maine railroad. Situated on the main throughfares from North Billerica to Billerica with car service and town water, and not over seven minutes' walk to the car shops. It rises gently from Pollard street and runs easterly about 700 feet, the entire tract commanding a beautiful view of the Concord river valley.

Mr. Perriago has already put through 44-foot street, fronting upon which he has 28 available house lots of from 5000 to 6000 feet area. He has sold several of these lots to people with whom he has contracts to build in the near future. He has under construction for himself two very attractive, thoroughly modern semi-bungalows, as well as two more foundations under construction. This grade of development is welcome in Billerica as it is of the permanent and healthy type.

Abel R. Campbell's Office

Abel R. Campbell, real estate and general insurance broker, with offices at 403-405 Sun building, reports the following sales for the week ending Jan. 1:

The sale of the new and modern eight-room dwelling at 35 Middlesex street to Mr. Maurice Lambert of this city. This house is equipped with steam heat, bath, electricity and quartered oak floors. Land to the amount of 4050 feet was conveyed with the house. Mr. Lambert is already occupying his new purchase. The grantor in this sale was Mr. Alfred T. Gates of this city.

The sale of a lot of land near St. Margaret's church. The lot contains 16000 feet of land with a frontage of 50 feet on the street. The purchaser will erect a modern two-apartment

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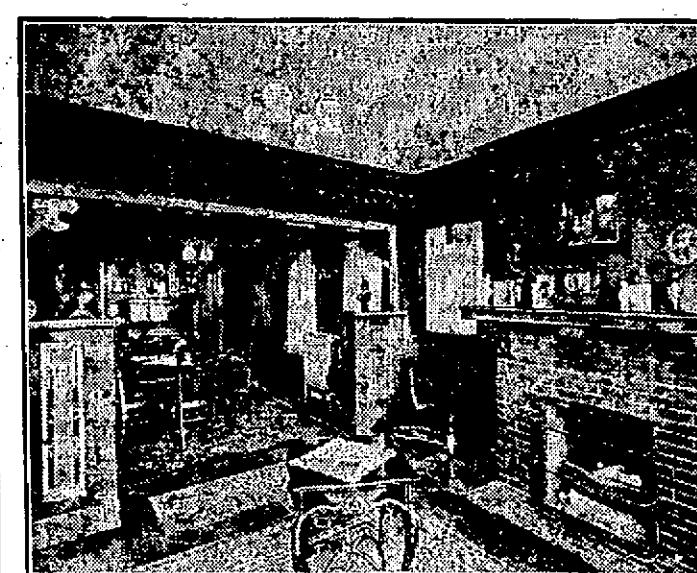
In connection with the walls of a brick building it was desired to clean and brighten the terra cotta trimmings, the bricks being of a deep tan color.

While the terra cotta was of a light cream that had turned dark and was

VIEW OF BUNGALOW LIVING ROOM



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—LIVING ROOM

The interior view is a fireside view of an artistic living room in a bungalow. Brick is used for facing of the fireplace, with heavy molded mantelshelf above. Size, 28 feet by 38 feet. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$2300.

concerned. Next month, if you want early results from either vegetables or flowers, you will have to begin the work of starting plants. Before you do this, you must, however, get your seed. And before you can order your seeds intelligently, and to accomplish just what you would like to accomplish for the following summer's gardening, you must have a definite knowledge of where each thing is going and of just the types and varieties you want. And before you can know these things accurately you must have thought out carefully a plan for the position, the amounts and the varieties of all the vegetables and flowers you expect to grow. That means work—diligent, painstaking work, without the exhilaration of spring smells and swelling buds around you. In making your plans for this summer's work, if you have had a few seasons of garden experience of your own, you will be able to judge from that to a large extent just what to put in and what to leave out. If you have kept any kind of a record or diary of your various garden operations to show dates of planting and harvesting, height and time of bloom of flowers, varieties that you have found especially attractive, and so forth, you will find this of the greatest use in planning your work ahead. In fact, without some such accurate basis to go by, it will be impossible for you to make your plans with any definite assurance that you have got things just right.

In case you have neither several years' experience nor a season's personal record of this kind to guide you, by all means secure at least one good book on flower-garden making and another on vegetables. No matter how many magazines you may be taking, you will find a book well worth while. Naturally the magazines have to follow more or less closely the work of the month. But to plan your work ahead for the season you need information about the whole year's work ready to immediate reference. It is good plan also to secure a generous supply of catalogs, as very many of them contain useful information put in a way that will be of material help to you.

CARE OF THE HOUSE PLANT

House plants need clean air, free from dust. This is also necessary for the household. A room in which sweeping is followed by a deposit of dust upon the leaves of the plants is too dusty a room to live in safely.

The sanitary sweeping method should be followed. The floor should be sprinkled before sweeping, or a damp cloth be tied over the broom so that no dust rise. Such a change in house-plant methods will keep the plants clean and at the same time preserve the family from the contagion of colds and coughs, often caused by germs lurking in the dust. Besides this, the plants should be showered once a week in the sink or the bath tub, turned down on their sides so that the under parts of the leaves, too, are clean. When this is done, and the plants restored to their places they will evaporate a deal of moisture into the air, freshening and improving it; and a vessel of water always filled, on the stove or radiator will aid in keeping the atmosphere fit to breath both by plants and people.

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ANNEXATION SCHEME

Continued

on a district which is not so very much better, although he thinks it might be assessed for \$1,000,000.

The improvements which he enumerated might come gradually, although he must remember that Dracut streets are not, as he alleges, mere mud paths, nor is the Navy Yard without its water system with mains laid, while its schools, except for high school purposes, are adequate to all present demands. The water service, fire and police protection, would have to be provided as soon as possible. Yet, if it were policed as the present department protects out Centralville and the Oaklands, the expense should not be more than one-third what Alderman Carmichael says it would be.

When one officer has to patrol Belvidere and the Oaklands from East Merrimack street to Rogers and from Nashua street to the Tewksbury line, we wonder how many would be required to patrol a much less important district in Dracut.

At the present time the town of Dracut pays \$1200 for police protection and that includes the policing of Lakeview, one of the most lively summer resorts in New England. Moreover, the Dracut officers are quite as successful in catching murderers and other criminals as are the police of Lowell but Alderman Carmichael allows that it would cost \$7000 a year to afford police protection, not for the whole but for less than half of Dracut. If the Dracut annex were merged with the other two, the additional cost should not be more than \$2000 per annum at most.

It appears, therefore, that the commissioner's figures in this matter are excessive and yet they are not so far out of the way as on some of his other estimates. If his totals were reduced by 50 per cent, they would be more likely to represent the actual amount that the city would spend if the territory in question were annexed.

How to Finance the Enterprise

If at the outset we might calm the commissioner's fears by asserting that the portion of Dracut referred to might do annexed to Lowell without increasing the tax rate, and further that it could be made a source of increased revenue and the means of reducing the tax rate for the entire city if the scheme were properly handled in the interest of all concerned.

Commissioner Carmichael flings out a lot of figures based upon more assumption and apparently upon the supposition that just as soon as we annex this territory we should have to commence to build new streets, new schoolhouses, new firehouses, lay new water mains, and in a word, to extend to every part of the district far more advantages than are enjoyed by many parts of our city.

"You Haunt Ben Doin' It"

If it is the commissioner's impression that such a great expenditure would be imperative right after the annexation, we might say to him in the words of the comedian, based on our past policy—"You haunt ben doin' it, Colonel."

The people of Wiggiville can bear witness that we have not adopted any such policy in their case. The present assessed valuation of Wiggiville is \$565,400 and the number of polls 339. In round numbers the amount of taxes collected from Wiggiville in eight years was about \$17,600 per annum or \$140,000 altogether. That is undoubtedly more than has been expended upon the district. It is true that on account of the natural difficulties to be overcome the proposed annexation was not completed, but that or some other system of sewage disposal must be provided in the not distant future.

Extravagant Figures

The Colonel lets go a lot of figures with reckless abandon in giving his idea of what it would cost us to make the Navy Yard and the Kenwood districts a part of Lowell. Over \$350,000, says the commissioner, would be required, we are led to believe, immediately, and \$90,000 annually for maintenance. For these extravagant figures there is no justification either in actual necessity or in precedent. In the eight years we have had charge of Wiggiville how much money has been spent? So far as we can ascertain from the several municipal departments the total expenditures for Wiggiville have not netted \$140,000 in eight years and yet Commissioner Carmichael would spend immediately nearly three times that amount.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

BY VIRGINIA VALE

FOR THE LITTLE READERS OF THE SUN

THE RUNAWAY DOG

Once upon a time a small pug dog ran into a barn where a big gray cat lay fast asleep. "Please," he said, "can I lay down beside you for I have lost my way and I am tired and hungry."

"Yes," said the cat. "But if you are cross I will scratch you with my sharp claws, and you must do just as I tell you to do."

The dog promised to do as the cat asked him and he lay down and went to sleep after he had shared the cat's dish of milk. He soon grew tired of doing just as the cat said and one morning decided to run away and seek his fortune in another city.

He crept out and ran as fast as he could toward the road and was running along quite happy and glad when all at once a stone came flying out from a yard and nearly hit him. Faster and faster he ran but every little while a stone would hit him and make him jump until at last one bigger than all of the others hit him on his leg and when he tried to run he found that he couldn't.

He crept into some bushes and when the cruel boy ran past he didn't see him but ran on and the dog knew that he was safe.

Oh, how his leg hurt and he was so thirsty that he tried to get out to the sidewalk again. A little girl saw him and ran toward him but he tried to get away as he was afraid of everyone now and he wished for his friend the cat.

"You poor little dog," cried the girl. "Someone has hurt your foot," and she took him up in her arms, telling him not to be afraid that she wouldn't let anyone hurt him.

When she reached home her brother bound up the dog's foot and put him in a basket to get rested, and as he looked the dog over to see if he had any more sore spots he suddenly said: "Sis, this is the little dog that lives with Mrs. Ray's cat in her barn. Don't you remember we saw them asleep beside each other the other day?"

"Why so it is, I will take him home," she answered, and so the little girl carried the runaway dog back and laid him beside his old friend the cat.

Pussy opened her eyes and saw the dog beside her and she reached out her nose and rubbed it against the dog's face as much as to say: "I am glad you are back for I have missed you." When their supper was brought pussy wouldn't eat a bit of it but gave it all to the dog for she knew he was hungry and she was sorry for him. After that the little dog never tried to run away and the cat was not as cross or bossy to him and they lived together a great many years very happily.

chief line of progress by which great cities have been built up. It seems to forget that a city cannot remain stationary in these days of busy enterprise. If it does not move forward it is involuntarily carried backward. There is no alternative.

Record of Annexation

The record of our city's growth is one of annexation, and so we hold it must be in the future until we have annexed all the surrounding towns to form a greater Lowell. Therefore go on annexing. Take in the whole of Dracut if you deem it advisable, and then take North Chelmsford and North Billerica.

The town of Lowell was evolved from Chelmsford and on March 29, 1824, annexed a part of Tewksbury.

In 1874, 1898 and 1906, other portions of the town of Tewksbury were annexed while in 1851, 1874 and 1879 parts of Dracut were annexed.

In 1854, the year of incorporation as a city, the population of Lowell was 17,683. In 1851 it was about 23,600, in 1875 and year after additions were made by annexation it was 49,688 and so up to 1906 our city received very important accessions from the annexation of rather limited districts from Tewksbury and Dracut.

One of the latter was Centralville, which we think the colonel will admit was a paying investment.

It is not a whit better than the Oaklands and Andover street district which was originally annexed from Tewksbury.

With the total area of but 14 square miles the city of Lowell is handicapped for lack of territory near the business centre and liable to suffer from congestion unless additional land suitable for residential and manufacturing purposes be annexed.

Chance for New Bridge

Nobody can dispute the fact that the Navy Yard is a very desirable district to have added to our city while the territory extending along the river front with the Methuen line would afford an opportunity for a fine river-front park which would require but slight expenditure to put in proper condition.

When that district became properly developed there would be an opportunity for an additional bridge so that the land on the south side of the river might share in the growth and development that will inevitably take place on the north side. Should the river be made navigable, as we expect it will be, this land would attain considerable commercial value and would be of great importance to our city.

Suppose the city of Lowell in voting to annex a portion of Dracut gets permission from the legislature to borrow a reasonable amount outside the debt limit for needed improvements, then the debt could be distributed over a number of years so that by the time it was wiped out, the revenues of the district would be sufficient to meet the total expenditure.

Thereafter the city would receive in perpetuity the income from taxation in the Dracut annex which on account of its proximity to the business centre of Lowell would have a very rapid increase in value as a part of our city.

Navy Yard Easily Developed

The Navy Yard is no farther from Merrimack square than is Walker street or the Pawtucket bridge. The demand at present is for homes near the business centre and to meet this necessity the city has extended miles outward along Westford, Middlesex, Chelmsford and Gorham streets, and similarly into Pawtucketville. For this reason we predict that if the Navy Yard were annexed the greater part of its vacant land would be developed and built upon in a few years.

The people who live there now are to a great extent employed in Lowell and may be regarded as a part of our population. With city privileges extended to Dracut a great many of our mill operatives and mechanics could establish homes there at moderate cost and have land enough to allow them to do a little profitable farm gardening.

Is there not here an opportunity to develop a valuable district and thus aid our city as well as the territory annexed?

Forward or Backward, Which?

It is to the general policy laid down by Commissioner Carmichael that we are opposed rather than to any of his details or the estimates with which he endeavors to defeat the movement. He is opposed to expansion and to the

merit of the Proposition

From what we have said we believe that it must be apparent that this annexation proposition has more than sufficient merit to command it to the city for adoption at the earliest possible moment. The officials of the city who oppose it will be simply casting themselves like stumbling blocks along the city's path to progress in futile effort to stay her onward-march. But they will find their efforts vain.

The Lowell members of the legislature who believe in progress should line up in favor of the proposition and of its enactment this spring to be submitted to the people at the state election. With the bill should be a petition for permission to borrow whatever amount may be considered necessary to make some immediate improvements in the line of supplying water service, fire and police protection as we have already suggested.

As to Borrowing for Improvements

It is true that this policy is contrary to Commissioner Carmichael's idea of borrowing for municipal purposes.

We do not believe that his proposed scheme to reduce the tax rate is feasible as it would necessitate a do-nothing policy that would bring on business stagnation and cause many of our people to move away.

It is very often wise policy to borrow for necessary improvements and even to borrow in large amounts.

Municipal economy does not mean that we shall spend little and borrow less. It means simply that whatever we spend or whatever we borrow there shall be no waste of public money and that every expenditure shall bring satisfactory returns in lasting results.

Progressive Cities Borrow Heavily

There has always been a considerable number of people to oppose the men of enterprise and foresight who pointed the path to progress in every city. Human nature is the same today as it was all through our past history. There are people and plenty of them who cannot realize that occasionally it is good policy to expend money freely in order to secure some great advantage, to develop some great business or to build up a great city. Merchants have to do it and under wise direction cities can often do it to their lasting advantage.

The city of Los Angeles may be mentioned as an example of the result of wise but liberal expenditure, plenty of advertising, years and years of boozing, a complete suppression of the croakers and pessimists and a free hand for the honest and progressive boomers who have led the city upward so that the last census has shown it to have led all the other cities in the country in the percentage of increase in population.

Los Angeles borrowed largely and expended wisely. It is now reaping the reward of its wise and progressive policy.

Case of Harrisburg

We shall cite another example from a great many that might be mentioned. This refers to Harrisburg, Pa., and is taken from an article in a Boston paper of Dec. 21. It shows that the city has been built up on large expenditures of borrowed money but expenditures that were worth what they cost and made Harrisburg a bigger, better and more inviting city in which to live and do business.

It is as follows:

"HARRISBURG, Pa.—Public im-

provements, numerous since Harris-

burg started borrowing for that pur-

pose in 1892, have placed the city in

the front rank of progressive Amer-

ican municipalities. That year was

the turning point in the history of the

capital; there are people here today

who can recall when the population

was but 15,000, whereas there are now

70,000 inhabitants.

In the year mentioned a loan of \$2,

000,000 for municipal and other im-

provements was voted upon favorably

by the people of Harrisburg, and since then a number of large loans have been approved. Then there were only a few miles of paved streets, one park, no public playgrounds, no public bath-houses, the water supply was impure and the river front at many places was used as a public dumping ground. Now there are about 80 miles of sewers, 85 miles of water pipe and more than 70 miles of paved streets, 95 per cent of which paving is asphalt. Harrisburg covers an area of 8.66 square miles, of which 3.27 square miles is water, from the Susquehanna river. The streets are well graded and all in the newer residential sections are lined with grass plots and maple, poplar or other shade trees. The streets are exceptionally well lighted by electricity, the main thoroughfares being illuminated by a system of cluster lights on ornamental standard posts.

One of the first improvements was the building of the Mulberry street reinforced concrete viaduct, which at the time of its construction was the second largest arched highway bridge in the world. It spans all the railroad tracks running through Harrisburg and connects East Harrisburg with the business part of the city. This bridge cost \$300,000, the main structure being 1800 feet long. It is equipped with cluster lights.

Harrisburg has a filtration plant with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons of water per day. It is on an island in the Susquehanna and is surrounded by dikes ten feet wide at the top for protection from floods. The water is pumped into a reservoir with a capacity of 20,000,000 gallons. The source of supply is the river and the plant cost \$2,500,000.

Another improvement is the river intercepting sewer, three miles long, completed recently at a cost of \$95,000. It carries waste from the sewers for several miles below the city, then emptying it into the river. The city plans soon to establish a sewage disposal plant on one of the islands.

A concrete wall to cost approximately \$155,000 is being constructed along the river front with a 14-foot walk above and a series of steps to the water's edge. Primarily for the protection of the intercepting sewer beneath it, this wall will add greatly to the appearance of the river front. A concrete dam is almost completed across the Susquehanna at the lower end of the city and will cost about \$74,000. It is to cover the lowlands in the stream with water, so pleasure boating will be facilitated.

Within a few years Paxton creek, a body of water running through the city, has been paved with concrete at a cost of \$92,000.

The first summer playgrounds were established by the Harrisburg Civic club, but this work was later taken over by the city. There is today one acre of parks for each 75 persons. These parks encircle the city and a park department nursery supplies and cares for the rare bushes, shrubs and trees with which the walks and drives are lined.

Water's swamp to the north of Harrisburg containing about 643 acres, has been transformed into beautiful Wildwood park. A lake covering 122 acres is used for boating, bathing and skating.

Reservoir park, 83 acres, stands overlooking the city, containing many playgrounds and complete equipment of swings and outdoor play apparatus, numerous picnic places, a well-furnished resthouse and a beautiful garden.

Let Lowell Go Ahead

There is a city that has the foresight to go ahead, to borrow for public improvements and to borrow largely. "Oh," it will be exclaimed, "Harrisburg must have a very high tax rate." Not so high as Lowell. The tax rate last year was \$20 and there is no reason why it should be advanced this year. It would open the eyes of some of our short-sighted officials to visit the city like Harrisburg and study how it handles such big undertakings.

But let us ask ourselves in all candor, if the city of Harrisburg with a population less than that of Lowell can handle such vast undertakings with a tax rate less than ours, why should we balk or crouch and cover at the little two by four proposition of taking over a fairly well developed town, not for their benefit alone, but still more for theirs in being made a part and parcel of a great, busy, enterprising and progressive city.

We can do that and within five years.

WHY LOWELL NEEDS MORE TERRITORY

Lowell stands at a disadvantage in point of area. It is a fact not realized by many of our citizens that the area of Lowell is much less than that of any of our neighboring towns, and less also than most of the other important cities of the state.

Here is a statement of the comparative areas in square miles:

Lowell	14.12
Dracut	28.5
Tewksbury	22.
Chelmsford	18.5
Tyngsboro	18.5

In proportion to our population the area of our city is not nearly as great as it should be. We want room for easy expansion and we must get it from the neighboring towns which, as will be seen from the figures just quoted, have plenty of territory to spare.

If we consider the comparative areas of Massachusetts cities of over 30,000, it will be found that Lowell is far down in the list, taking thirteenth place as appears from the following table:

Population	Total Area	Land	Water	
Taunton	55,591	81,264.0	28,320.0	2,944.0
Boston	733,802	21,361.0	24,732.0</td	

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RUSSIANS REPULSED ALL THE GERMAN ATTACKS

HUDSON, Me., Jan. 2.—Angered by the refusal of his former housekeeper, Mrs. George Whitmore, to repay a loan of \$200 which he had made her many years ago, Charles H. Hamm, a wealthy retired farmer, a Civil war veteran, shot her down yesterday as she stood in the sitting room of her home, surrounded by her children.

The crime, which was one of the most cold-blooded in this section of Maine, followed many controversies between the 78-year-old veteran and Mrs. Whitmore. Yesterday morning he called at her home quite early and requested her to return with him to his own place, about two miles away, and do some housework. Mrs. Whitmore refused and Hamm, muttering and mumbling to himself, left her alone.

Two hours later Hamm again appeared at the Whitmore home and this time he demanded that Mrs.

Whitmore accompany him. Another refusal aroused him beyond his control and he began to demand repayment of his loan.

"I must have the money today!" Hamm shouted.

Mrs. Whitmore fled into her sitting room, closely pursued by the aged veteran, and when she turned at bay, surrounded by several of her children, Hamm whipped a revolver from his pocket. Once more he demanded the money. Before Mrs. Whitmore had a chance to reply he raised his weapon and pulled the trigger.

The mother fell, a crumpled mass, in the midst of her family.

Then, leaving the terrified children, Hamm walked from the place and to the house of the local constable, where he surrendered himself. He confessed to the crime and submitted calmly to his transfer to the jail in Bangor in the custody of Sheriff C. H. White.

Mrs. Whitmore, who was 83 years old, besides her children, leaves a husband.

IMBEDDED IN ICE 'PICTURE BRIDES'

Torso of Human Body Was Discovered Near Coney Island

Scores Will Cross the Pacific From Japan During 1915

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The scores of "picture brides" who will cross the Pacific from Japan during 1915 to embark on multimillion seas with the husbands they never have seen will, on reaching Angel Island immigration station place their affairs in the hands of Dr. B. C. Haworth, whose appointment as secretary to the Japanese association of America was announced today.

The average farmer receives little more money for his year's work than he would be paid if he hired himself out as a farmhand, the investigation shows. In other words, though he is in business for himself, the average farmer gets little or no money reward for his labors and the risk and responsibility he has assumed.

The average value of the chief necessities of life, food, fuel, oil, shelter used each year by the farm family was \$595.08. Of these necessities, estimated in money the portion contributed directly by the farm was \$421.17, leaving necessities to the value of \$173.91 to be purchased by the farmer.

Of the food consumed 62 per cent was furnished by the farm, which varied considerably in different sections.

It was greatest in North Carolina, where farms supplied 82.3 per cent of the food consumed while the average in New York was only 40 per cent.

In the present economic crisis in the south, the department points out, this fact is regarded as of particular significance since it demonstrates the extent to which with a proper system of agriculture, southern farms could be made self-sustaining.

These formalities disposed of, an American ceremony is performed.

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INAUGURATED AT NASHUA

MAYOR JAS. B. CROWLEY FIRST CITY EXECUTIVE UNDER NON-PARTISAN CHARTER

NASHUA, N. H., Jan. 2.—The first city government under a nonpartisan charter was inaugurated yesterday before a large audience.

City Clerk Arthur L. Cyr read the proclamation and Rev. Matthew Creamer of St. Patrick's church offered prayer. The retiring mayor, William H. Barry, administered the oath to Mayor James B. Crowley, who administered it in turn to the other officials.

George H. Alley was elected president of the aldermen. The slate agreed upon at the caucus last evening was elected as follows: Arthur L. Cyr, overseer of the poor and city clerk; Samuel Dearborn, tax collector and treasurer; Harry P. Greeley, city collector; John T. Mulvaney, city physician; Patrick J. Mulvaney, Charles E. Congdon and John P. Sullivan, board of health; Cyrille V. Brotrude, trustee of the sinking fund.

Alderman Horace W. Lawson, on the vote for city clerk, declared he was not bound by the caucus and voted for Harry H. Lyons, also for Stephen L. Hallinan for collector and John J. Lyette for the board of health. All the other officers were elected unanimously.

Inspectors of checklists organized with George Bresnahan chairman and Charles Wilcox clerk.

The board of public works yesterday afternoon elected George P. Winslow, city engineer and Orville L. Winslow, superintendent of streets.

Mr. Winslow has been engineer for three years and Mr. Winslow was superintendent several years ago.

Mayor Crowley late yesterday afternoon announced that he has re-appointed Napoleon Laplante city messenger.

The board of education organized last night with Frank P. Rideout president, and Albert J. McKeon clerk. President Rideout named Walter C. French, Albert J. McKeon and Jason E. Tolles finance committee.

THE GREEK MISSION

Miss Penelope Panagioti, a prominent young woman of this city, has been engaged as an assistant to Rev. Dr. Panos Ginteres for missionary work in this city and other parts of New England. The new assistant has been in the city for the past two years, during which time she has been connected with the Lowell Guild. She is a native of Athens and is highly educated. She speaks both English and Greek and her work will be mostly among the women of her nationality.

FIRE IN BOWLING ALLEYS

Fire beneath the roofing in Bowditch's bowling alleys, 100 feet of Central and Middle streets, called out the members of the Protective at 11:10 o'clock last evening. The blaze was quickly extinguished and little damage resulted.

Deposit that Christmas money in the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Interest begins the first Saturday in January.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Four foreigners who are alleged by the government to have carried on a gigantic swindle amounting in the aggregate to \$18,000, with nearly 4000 victims in various parts of the country, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy United States Marshal James C. Ruth and Postoffice Inspector W. E. Hurley, charged with using the United States mails in a scheme to defraud.

The alleged fraud is claimed by the government to have been in connection with inducements offered to persons to become salesmen for cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and to make deposits for outfit.

All four of the defendants reside in Revere. Their names and the ad-

resses under which it is alleged they have been doing business are as follows: Bedros M. Tomajian, the Amber Tobacco company, at 7 Water street; Louis S. Harpoorian, the Royal Cigar company, at 110 State street; Carnig S. Harpoorian, representing the Regis Tobacco company of 45 Brinsford street, formerly of 202 Washington street, and Meran M. Tomajian, representing the Eastern Tobacco company of 14 Federal street.

The government officials assert that C. S. Harpoorian is under a suspended sentence in connection with a bankruptcy case in the United States district court at New York.

When arrested the four men were taken to the Federal building, where they were locked up in the cage to await the action of the United States commissioner. No sooner had the men been landed behind the bars than they asked permission to telephone their prospective bondsmen and attorneys, and soon their friends and legal advisers began to arrive and pave the way for their release after their arraignment.

The four men were served with individual complaints, the allegations of the government being the same in each—using the United States mail in a scheme to defraud.

They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hayes later in the afternoon, when C. S. Harpoorian was held in the sum of \$3000 and the three other defendants in the sum of \$500 each. All furnished

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—An official communication given out by the general staff tonight recounts the situation in the various fields of action along the Russian front.

It says:

"In East Prussia and in the region of Mlawa, northern Russian Poland, we have defeated attempts by the Germans to deliver a partial offensive. On the Vislula opposite Wysogiad our armed steamers cannonaded the infantry of the enemy with success.

"Between the Vistula and the lower Pilica, the Germans have begun a series of attacks, supported by the fire of their heavy artillery. Our troops in an action on the left bank of the Bzura river near Vitkowitz repulsed two night attacks. On the Rawa river we repulsed an attack directed against Doletsk.

"On Dec. 31 the enemy manifested activity which was particularly intense in the region of the town of Rawa, where the fighting still continues.

"South of the Pilica the action has spread out and the positions cut off the routes from Vloischora to Klesz.

"In Galicia we made energetic attacks on the enemy in the region of Gorlice (southwest of Jaslo) near Michanka and Ronitz, where despite the extremely fierce resistance which the enemy offered we destroyed after a hard fight, their fortifications established on the heights.

"In the village of Mszanka we captured 3000 prisoners, including 68 officers, four cannon and six mortars.

"The fighting in this region still continues. Furious counter attacks which the enemy made supported by armored automobiles were repulsed by our artillery fire and bayonet charges.

"In Bukowina we occupied Storochetz and Radutz. We also took some prisoners."

INACTIVITY OF GERMANS NEAR WARSAW WHILE THEY FORIFY TERRITORY

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The inactivity

of the Germans in the neighborhood of Warsaw for some days past is explained, according to reports reaching here by the claim that they have employed this time in fortifying the territory already taken up to the Bzura river and along the left bank of the lower and middle Vistula river.

According to reliable information reaching here, Lodz, Lowicz, Skierewice and Plotzkow are now as strongly fortified as Kialla and Czestochowa. The Germans have attempted to make this territory as difficult to invade as is German soil.

Residents of West Poland who are now reaching Petrograd state that hundreds of factories have been blown up by the Germans and that all available buildings, especially bricks and metals have been used in the construction of the new fortifications. Recent German attacks between Skierewice and Warsaw have been said to be equipped with railroads, telegraphs and all the necessary accessories of war.

FEATURES OF LAST NIGHT'S EUROPEAN WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FORM

Six hundred lives were lost when British battleship *Formidable* was sunk in English channel by German submarine.

Washington officials express belief England will grant relief to American shipwreckers.

French claim further advances in Alsace.

French aircraft aviators bombard Metz and Arnaville.

Germans report they took a British trench near Bethune.

Klichener's new troops divided into six armies: Gen. Halig and Gen. Smith-Dorrien command two.

Venice announces repulse of Russians in western Galicia.

Severe fighting in Bokowina and Hungary.

ASK RED CROSS FOR AID ESCAPE DURING NIGHT

2000 FAMILIES SUFFERING FROM HUNGER AND COLD IN MONTEREY, MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The American Red Cross was today appealed to by Consul Hanna at Monterey, Mexico, for aid in relieving upward of 2000 families, who are suffering from hunger and cold in that section of the revolution-torn republic.

Consul General Hanna's message was sent to the Red Cross through the state department. In it he says the food situation is worse than in Europe and in addition to those now needing help several thousand probably will be suffering before the end of the month.

"I now have fully 500 families on my list in Monterey, which are being furnished corn, beans and rice twice a week," says Mr. Hanna. "There are a thousand more families who want tickets to the relief station. There probably are more than 2000 families in Monterey who need help now and the prospects are that several thousand will be very hungry before January is past.

"The Mexican authorities are interested in doing what they can but after four years of war during which the fields have been neglected, the crops are very short and the local crops almost exhausted."

If your teeth trouble you, see Dr. Gagnon, 466 Merrimack street.

AMERICAN NOTE

Rome Paper Says It Is An Expression of Irritation Over Injury to Commerce

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Tribuna commenting on the American note to the British government regarding interference with her shipping at sea, says: "America, the Scandinavian countries and Italy are united by an informal understanding which might become formal if the abuses continue. They only desire to see their commerce protected and demand that international rules, instead of arbitrary belligerents, reign over the seas."

"The American note or similar views from other neutrals must not be taken as an expression of hostility against England or her allies but as an expression of irritation at the injury to their commerce by the inconsiderate application of international rights."

Saturday, January 2nd, is Quarter Day at the Lowell Five-Cent Savings Bank.

MAINE IS RICHER

BANGOR, Jan. 2.—According to the report of the state board of assessors, the valuation of Maine has increased by \$9,603,036 since 1913, being now \$129,320,165. Each of the 165 counties shows a gain except Sagadahoc, which, on account of transfers and losses of shipping, and the decline of the ship building industry, has lost \$93,465 in valuation in the last year.

Cumberland is the wealthiest as well as the most populous county, its valuation being \$105,860,085.

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DANCING PARTY

A pretty dancing party was con-

ducted in the Pawtucket boat house

last evening with a large number of

young people present. Music for the

dancing was furnished by Gray's or-

chestra. The following young ladies

had charge: Misses Ruth Filling, Les-

sile Pullen, Emily Wiggin, Marion

Simpson, Edith Proctor, Mary Sher-

burne and Mary Lawler. The patron-

esses were Mrs. J. A. Pilling, Mrs. L.

E. Pullen, Mrs. B. H. Wiggin, and Mrs.

C. S. Proctor.

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